

IDW
ISSUE
1
COVER A

TM

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



SEGA®



WRITTEN BY **IAN FLYNN** PENCILS BY **TRACY YARDLEY** INKS BY **JIM AMASH & BOB SMITH**

COLORS BY **MATT HERMS** LETTERS BY **COREY BREEN**

EDITED BY **JOE HUGHES & DAVID MARIOTTE** PUBLISHED BY **GREG GOLDSTEIN**

Special thanks to Anoulay Tsai, Mai Kiyotaki, Aaron Webber, Michael Cisneros, Sandra Jo, and everyone at Sega for their invaluable assistance.

For international rights, contact licensing@idwpublishing.com

IDW
www.IDWPUBLISHING.com

Greg Goldstein, President & Publisher • Robbie Robbins, EVP & Sr. Art Director • Matthew Ruzicka, CPA, Chief Financial Officer • David Hedgecock, Associate Publisher • Laurie Windrow, Sr. VP of Sales & Marketing • Lorelei Bunjes, VP of Digital Services • Jerry Bennington, VP of New Product Development • Eric Moss, Sr. Director, Licensing & Business Development

Ted Adams, Founder & CEO of IDW Media Holdings

SEGA

Facebook: facebook.com/idwpublishing • Twitter: [@idwpublishing](https://twitter.com/idwpublishing)
YouTube: youtube.com/idwpublishing Tumblr: tumblr.idwpublishing.com
Instagram: instagram.com/idwpublishing



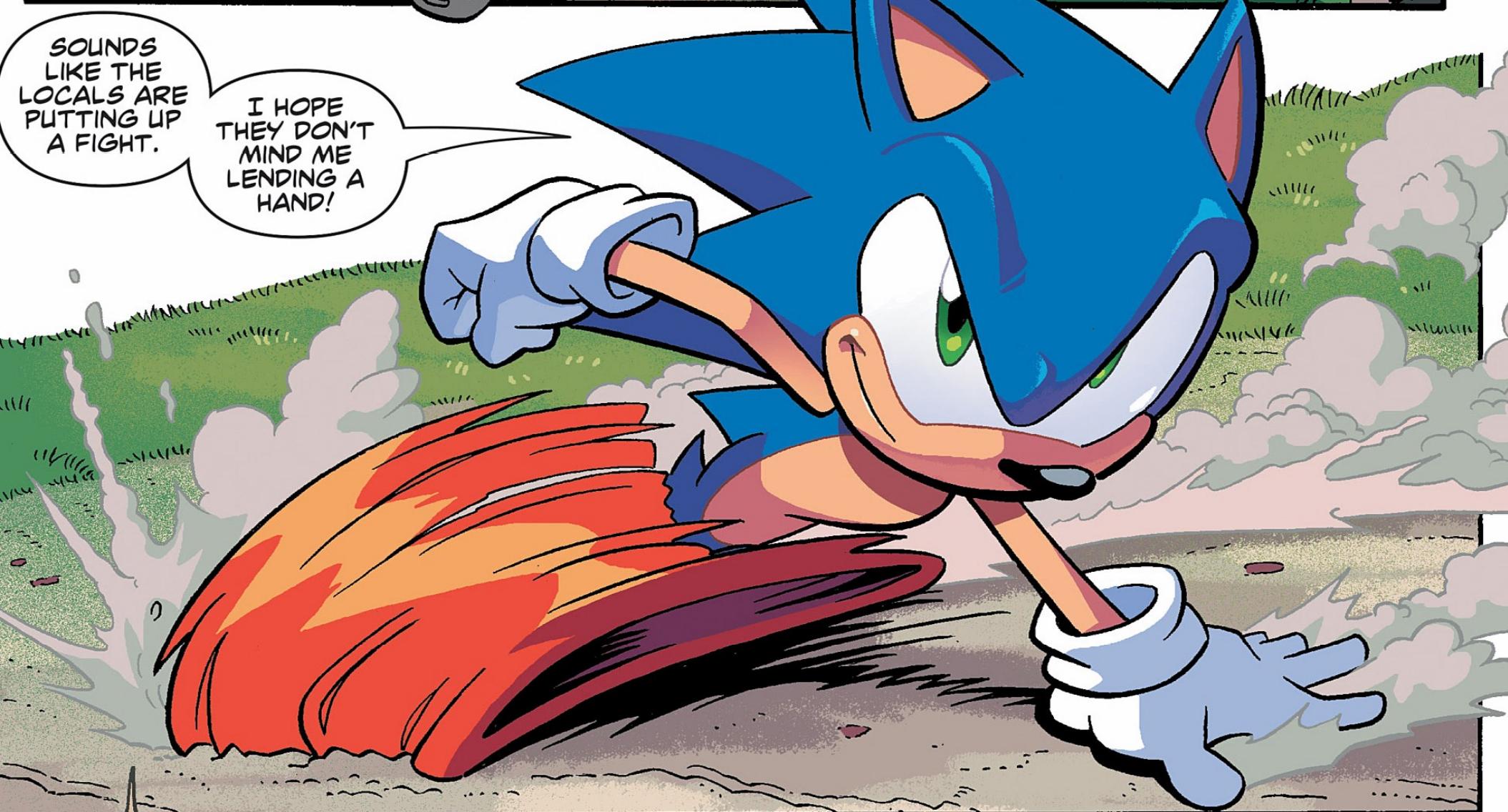
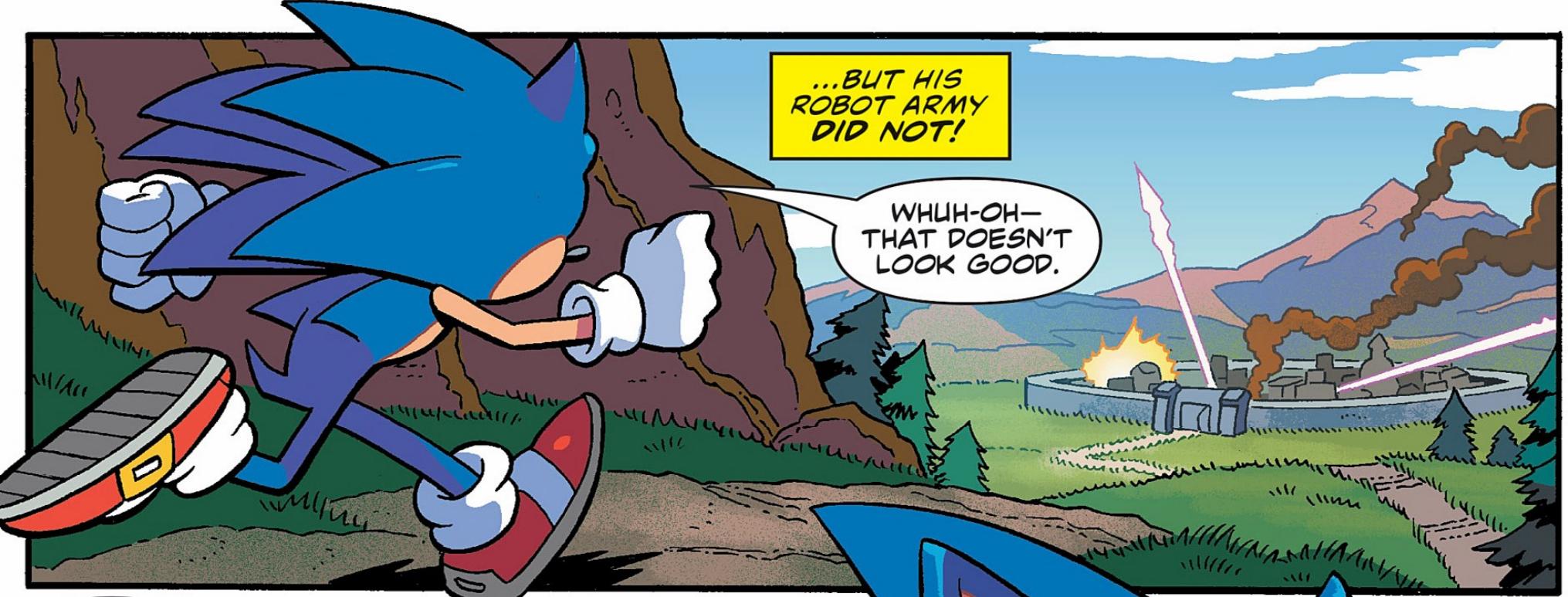
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #1. APRIL 2018. FIRST PRINTING. © SEGA. SEGA, the SEGA logo and SONIC THE HEDGEHOG are either registered trademarks or trademarks of SEGA Holdings Co., Ltd. or its affiliates. All rights reserved. SEGA is registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. All other trademarks, logos and copyrights are property of their respective owners. © 2018 Idea and Design Works, LLC. All Rights Reserved. IDW Publishing, a division of Idea and Design Works, LLC. Editorial offices: 2765 Truxtun Road, San Diego, CA 92106. The IDW logo is registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Any similarities to persons living or dead are purely coincidental. With the exception of artwork used for review purposes, none of the contents of this publication may be reprinted without the permission of Idea and Design Works, LLC. Printed in Canada. IDW Publishing does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories, or artwork.

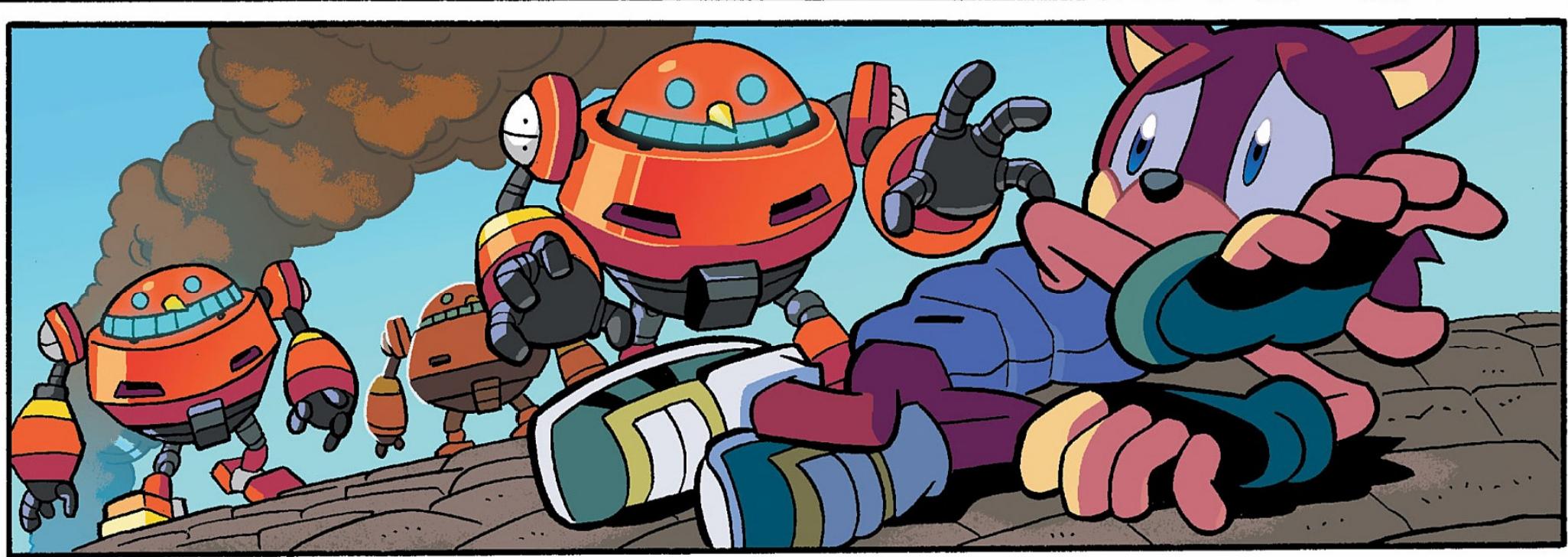
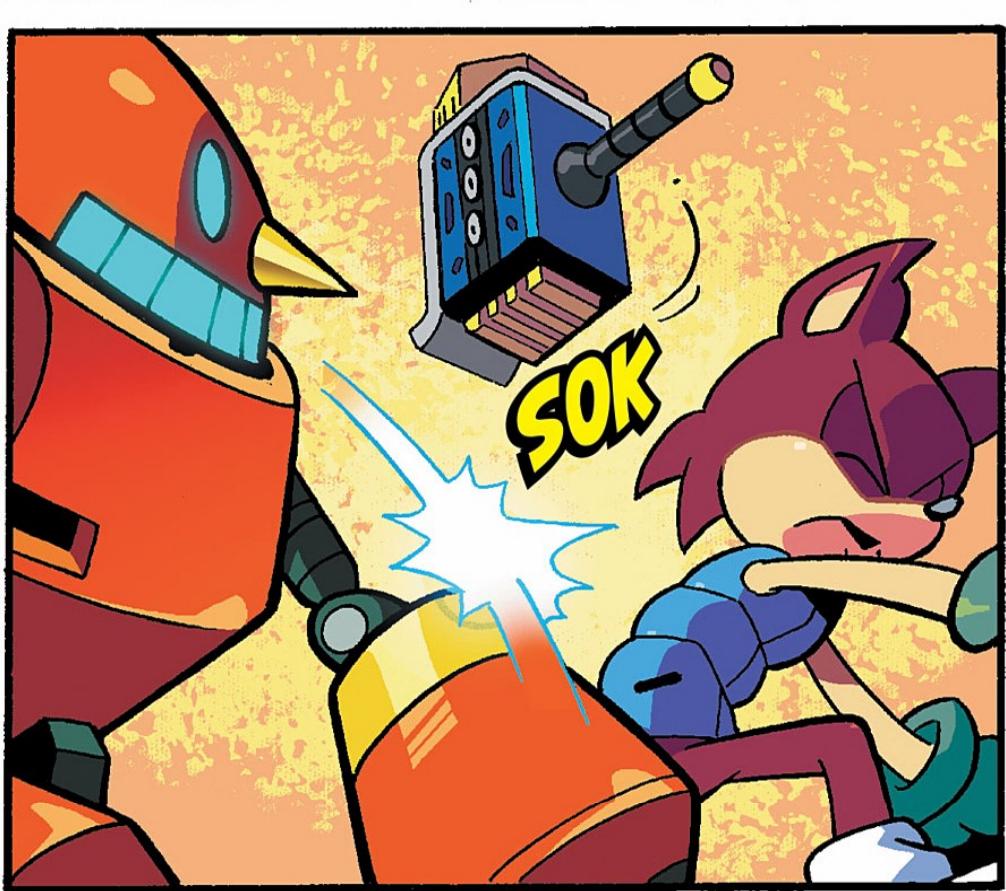
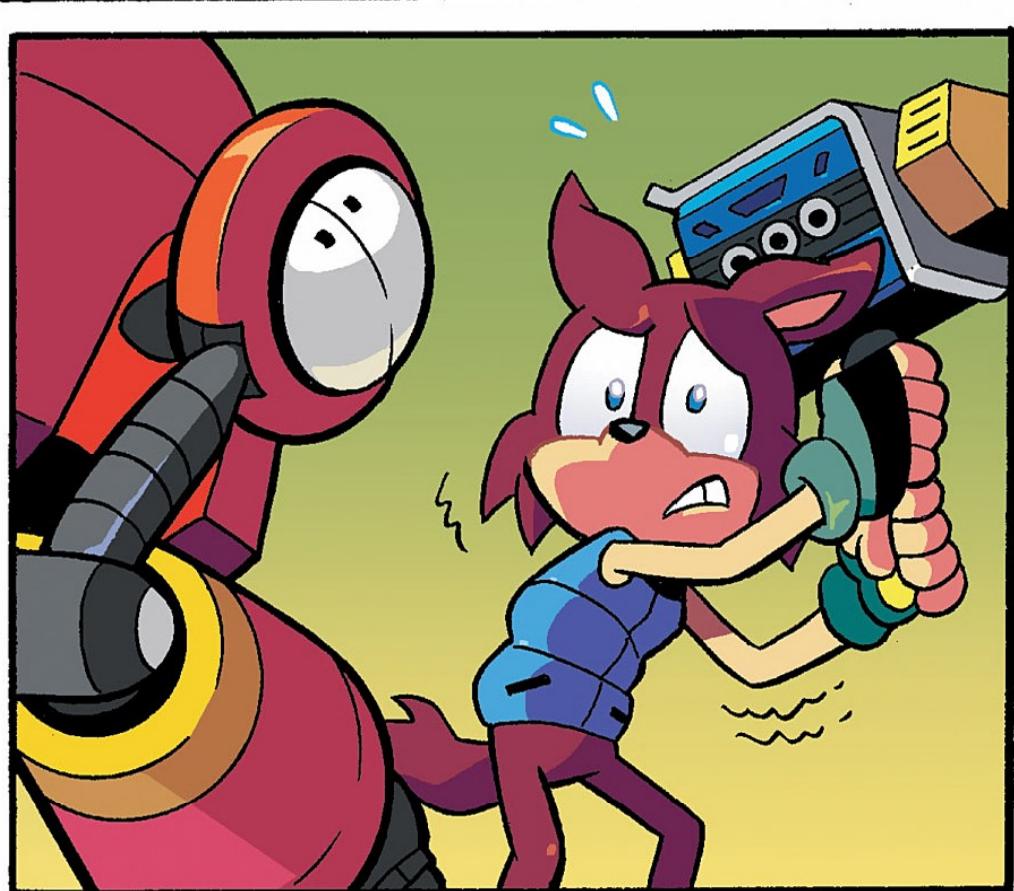
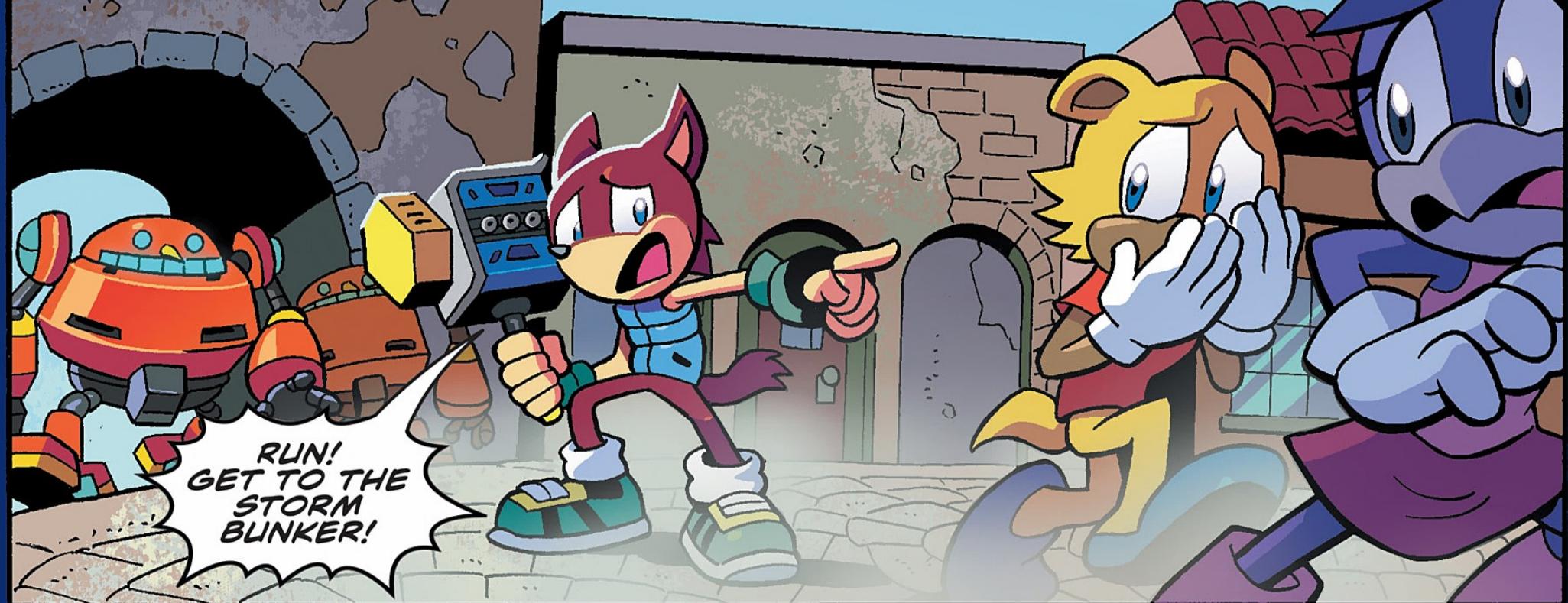
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.

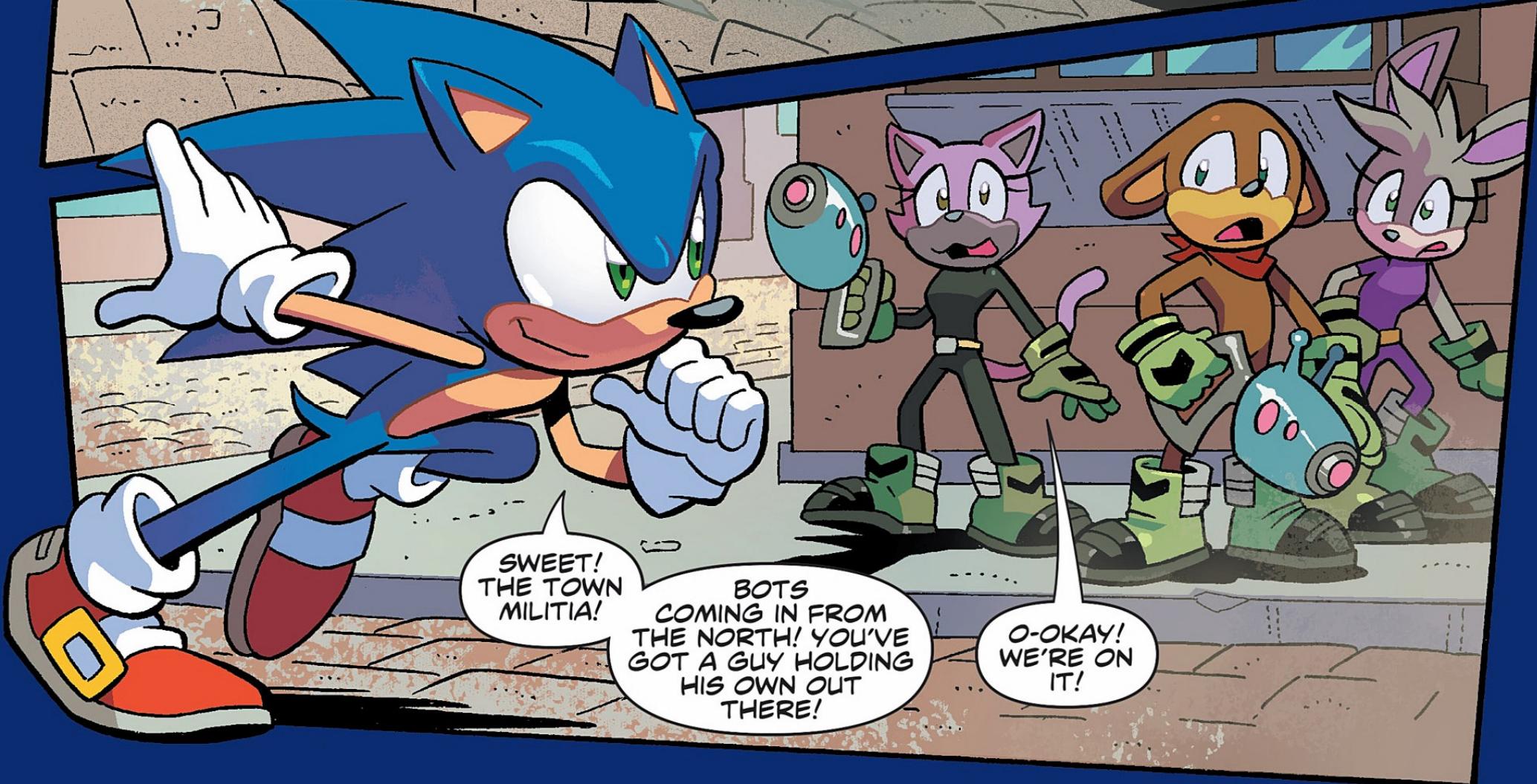
TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.

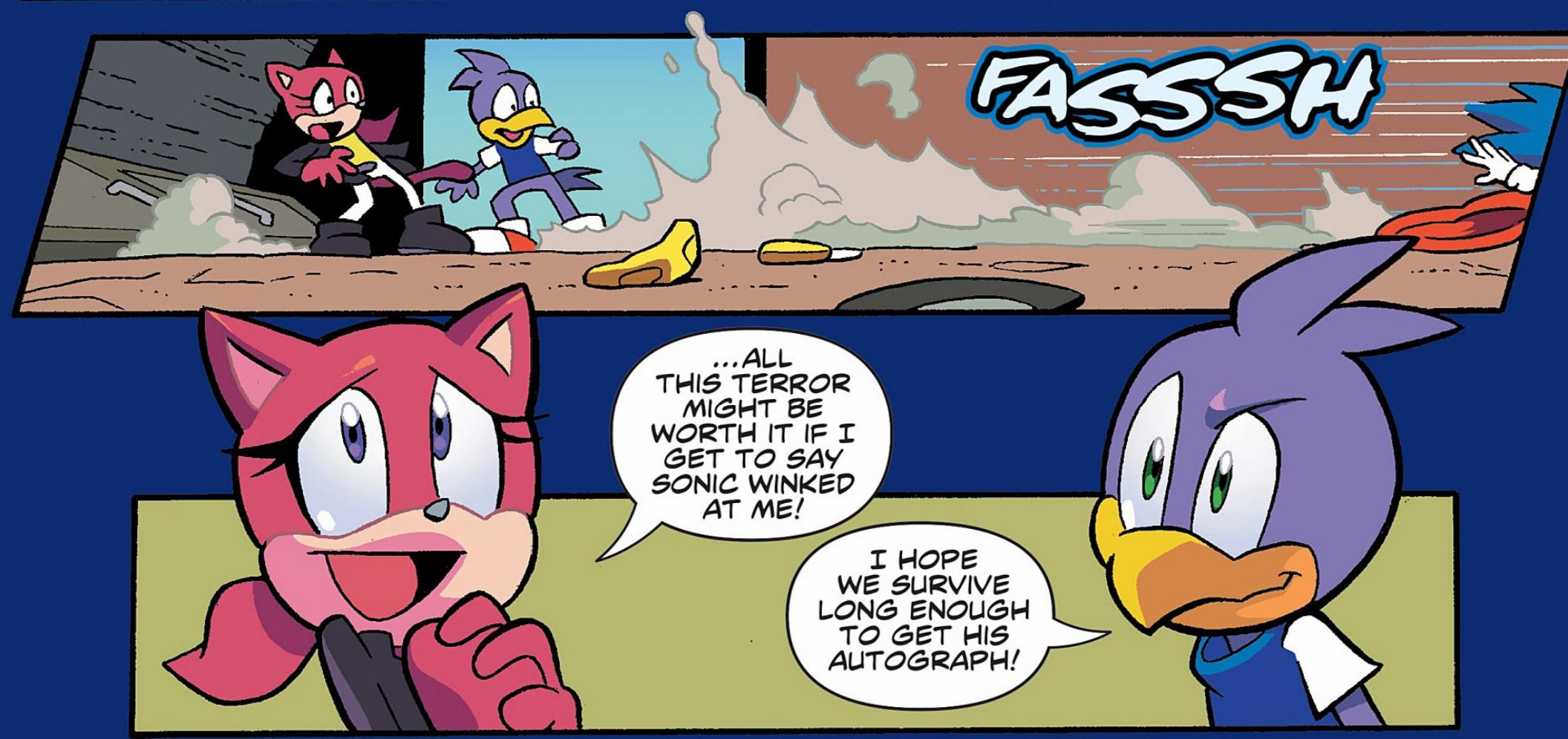
BUT AFTER THEIR LAST BATTLE...

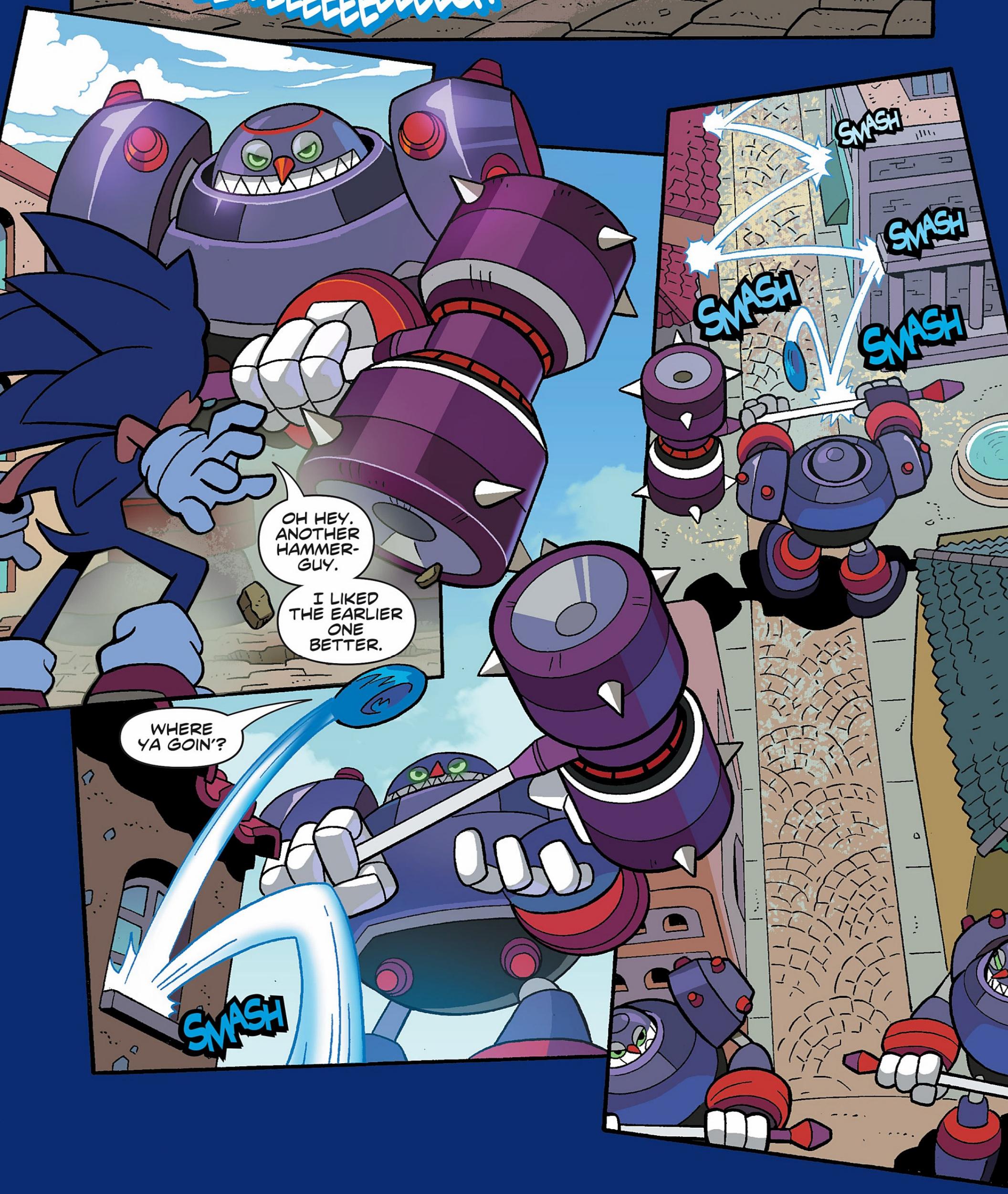
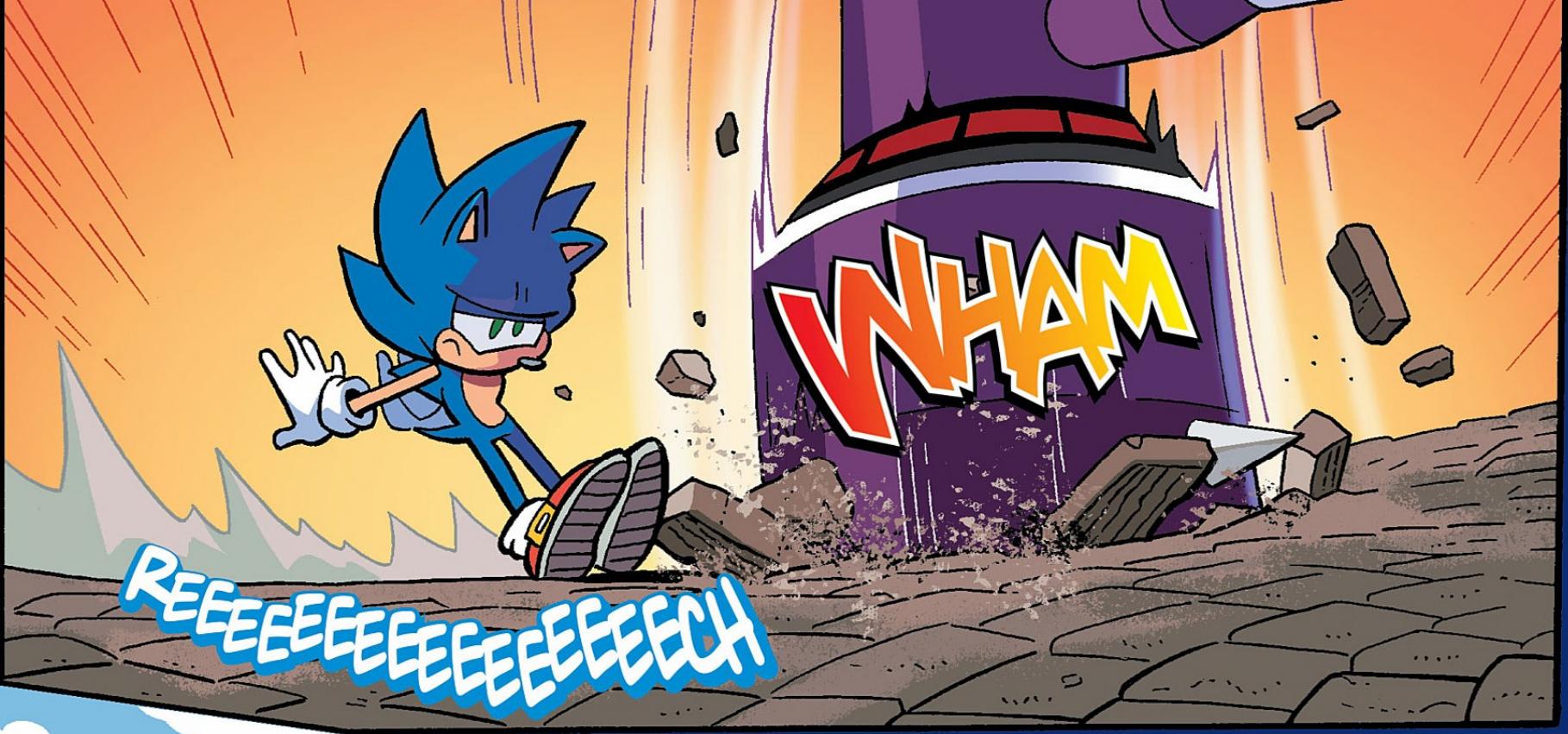
...DR. EGGMAN VANISHED...

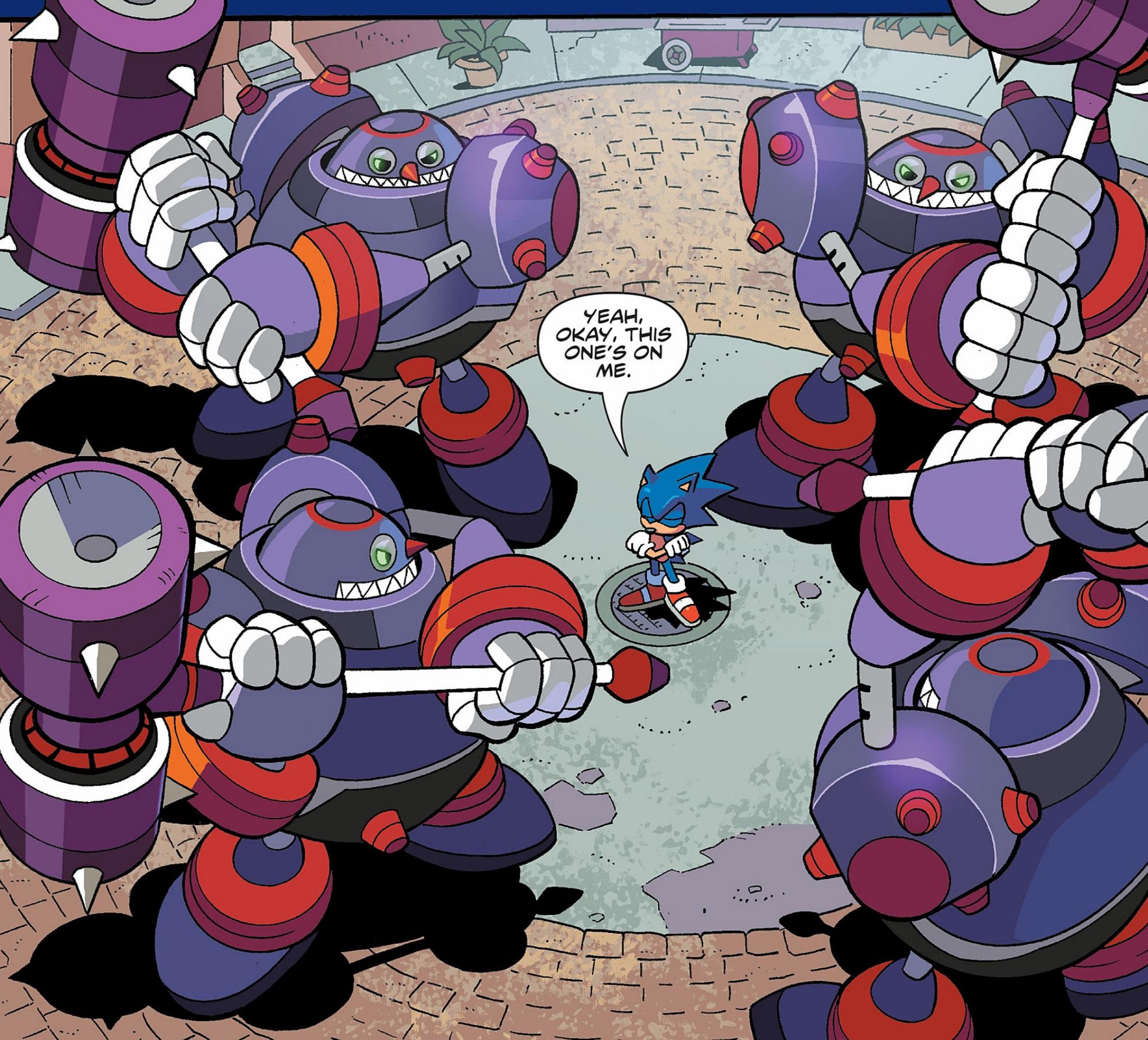
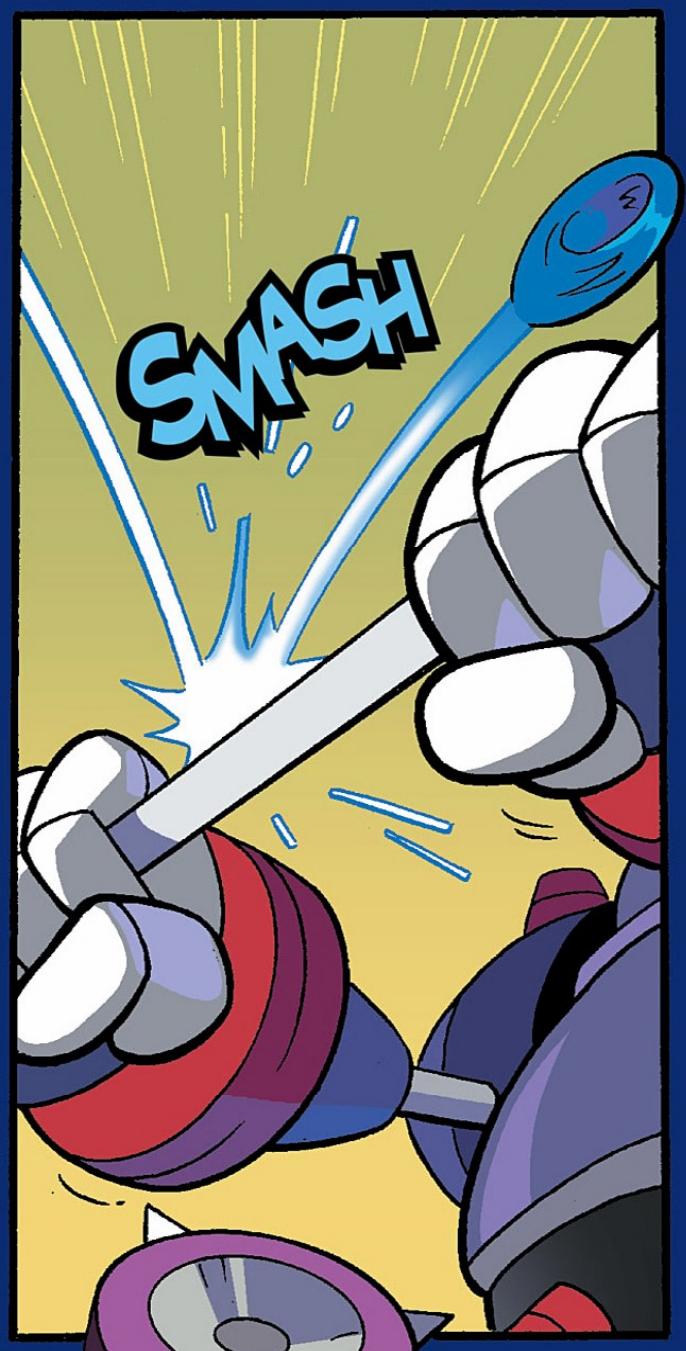




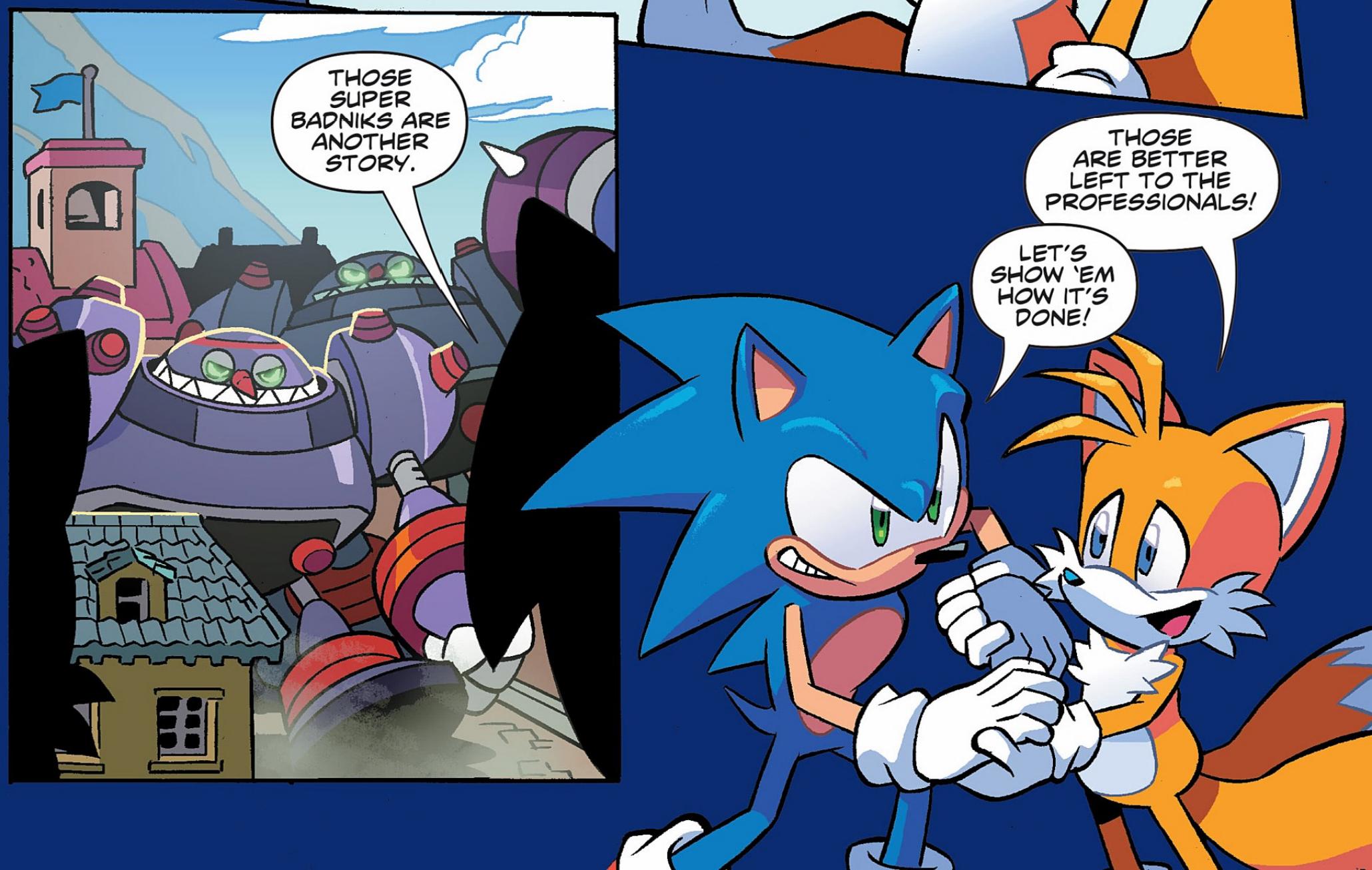


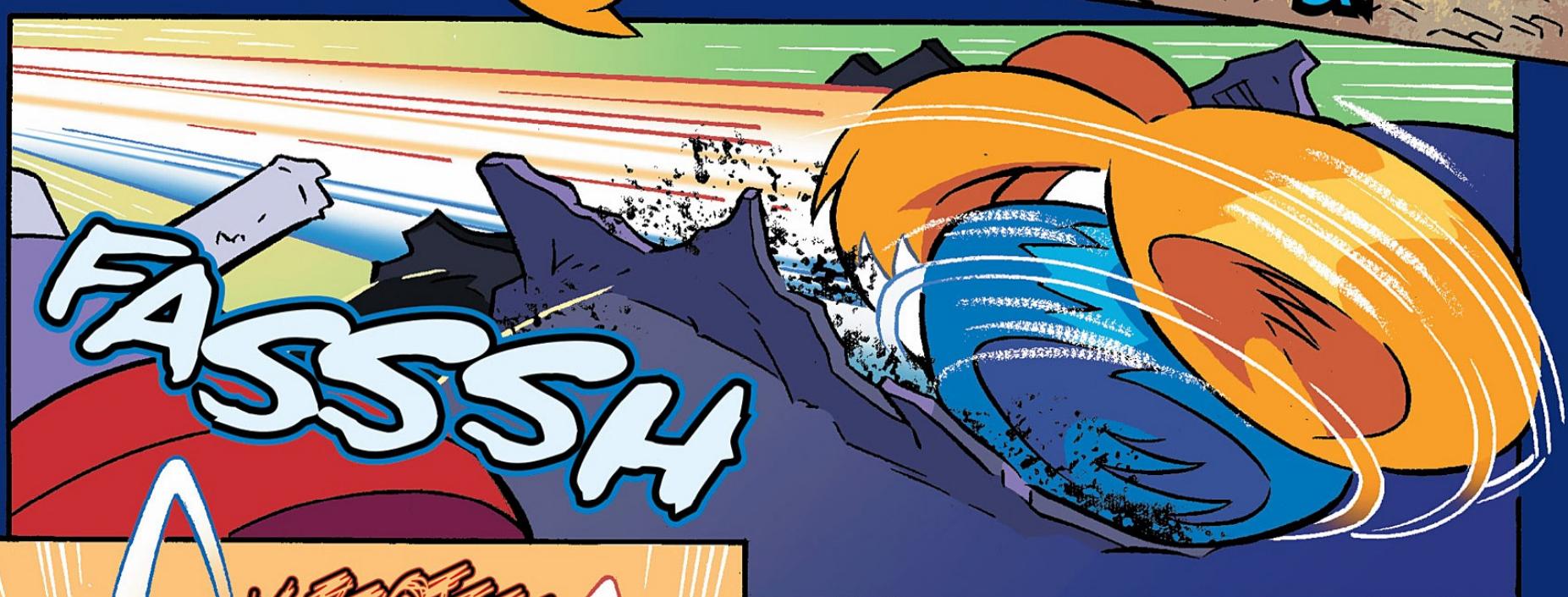
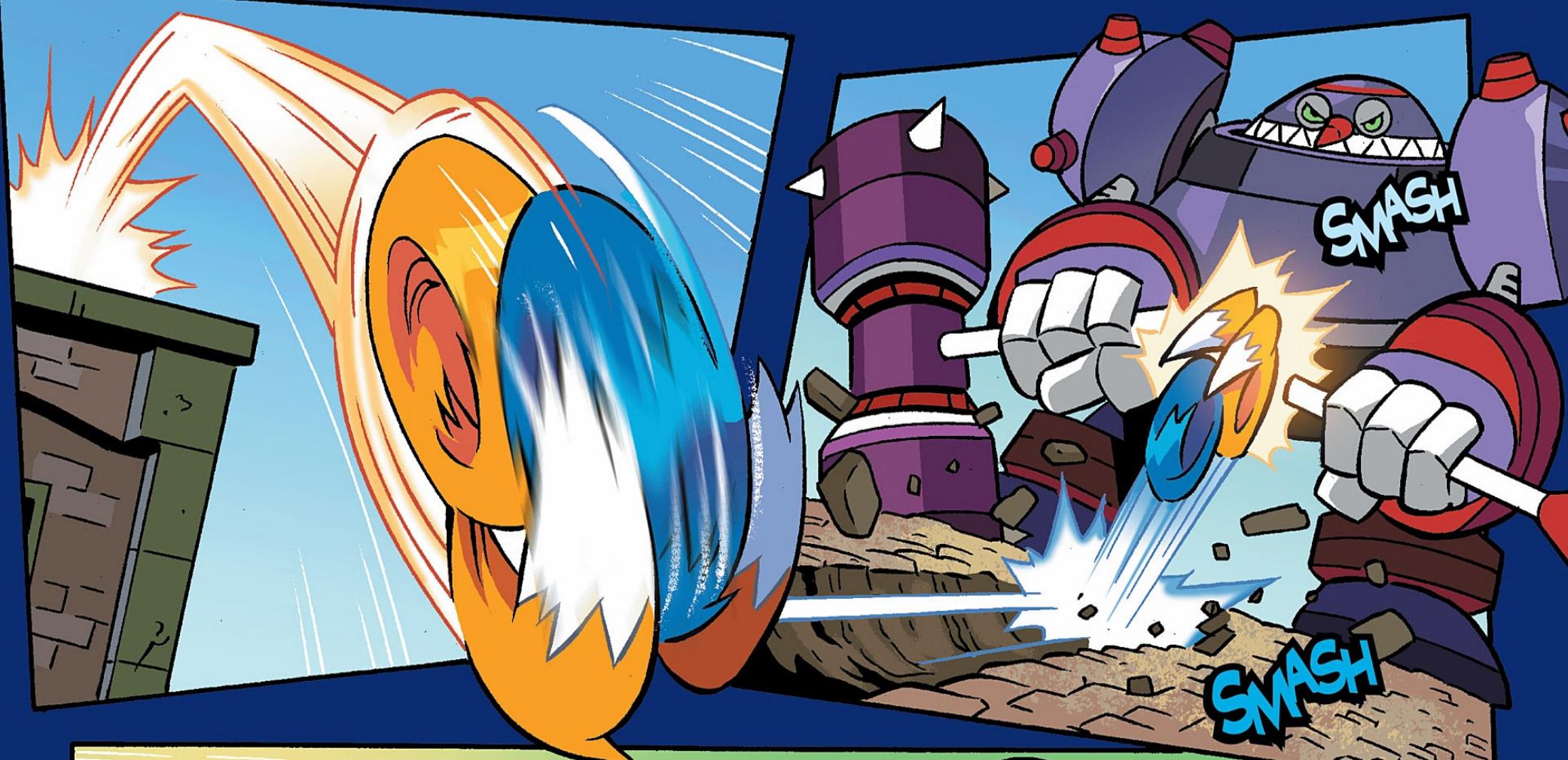




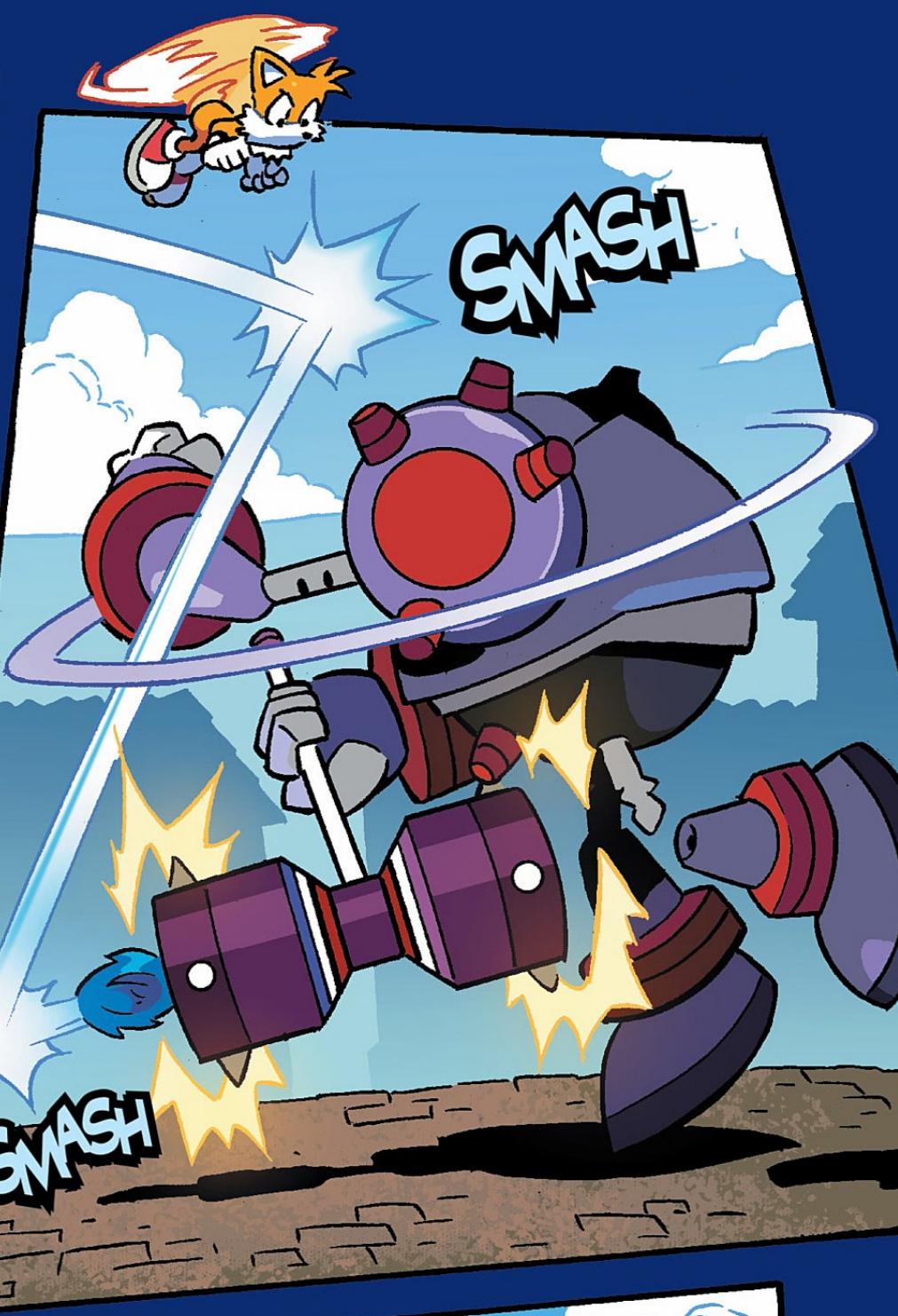
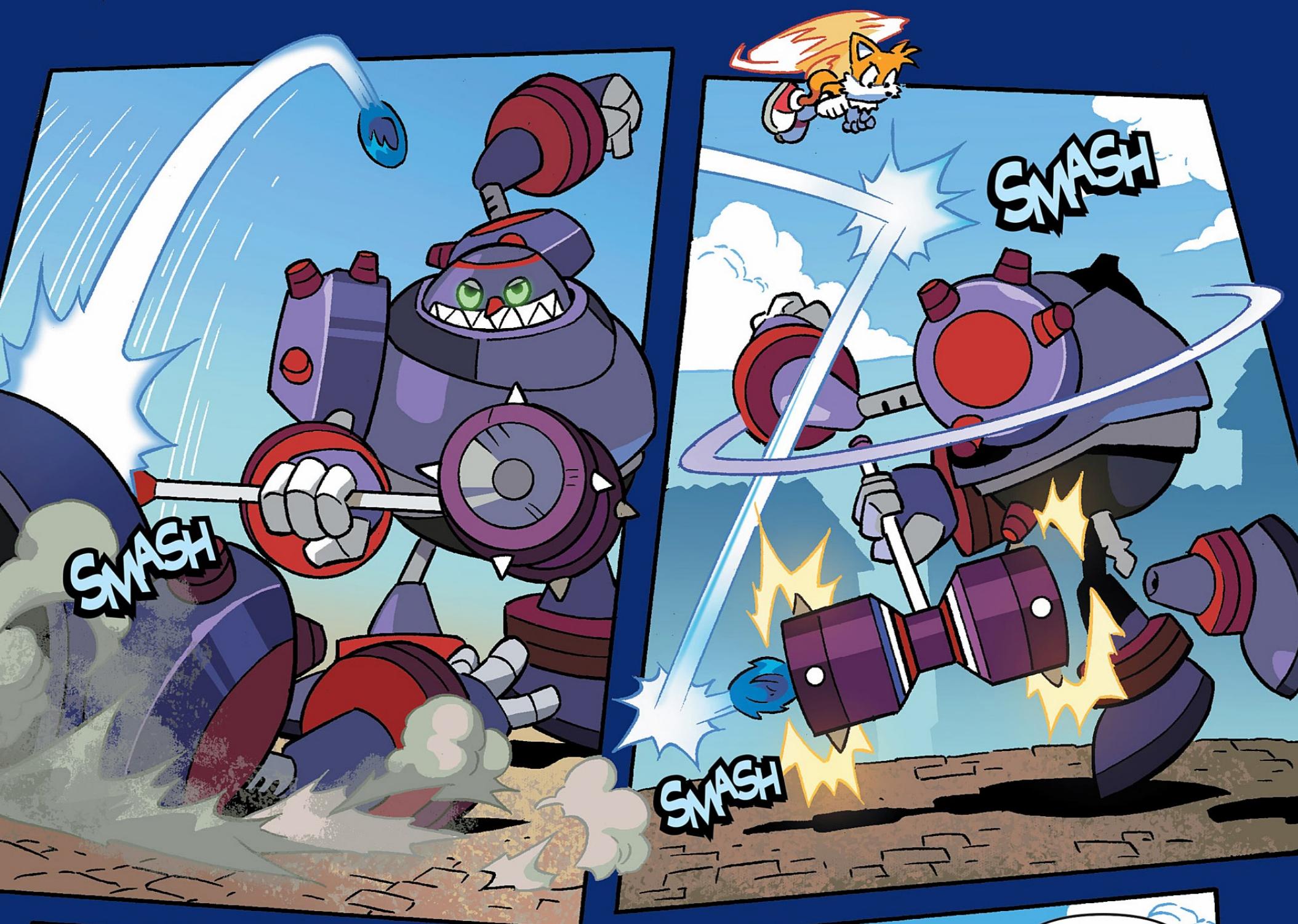


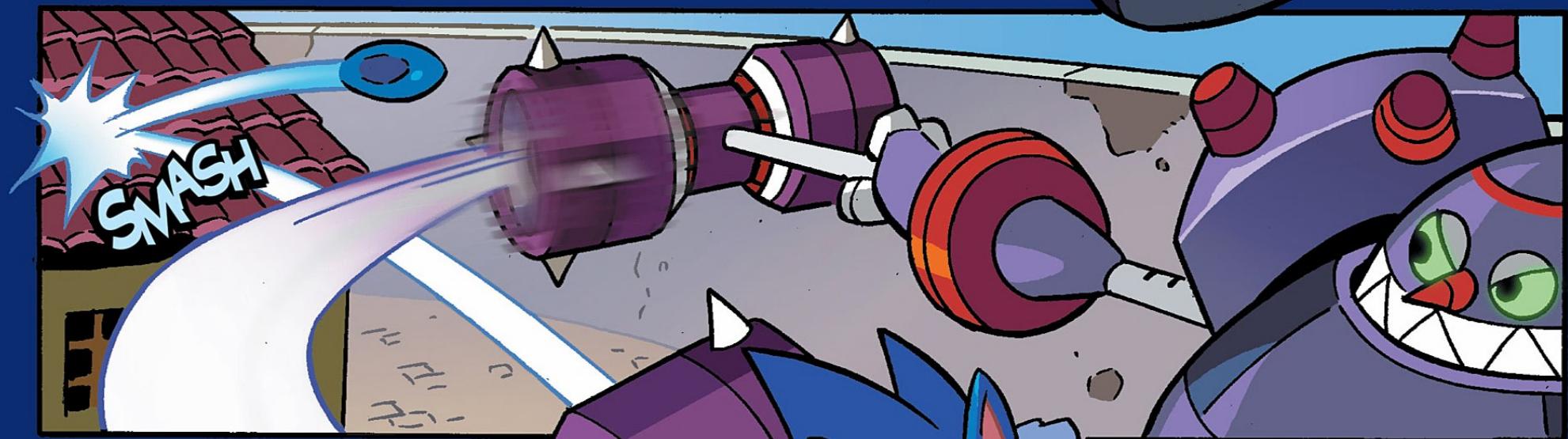
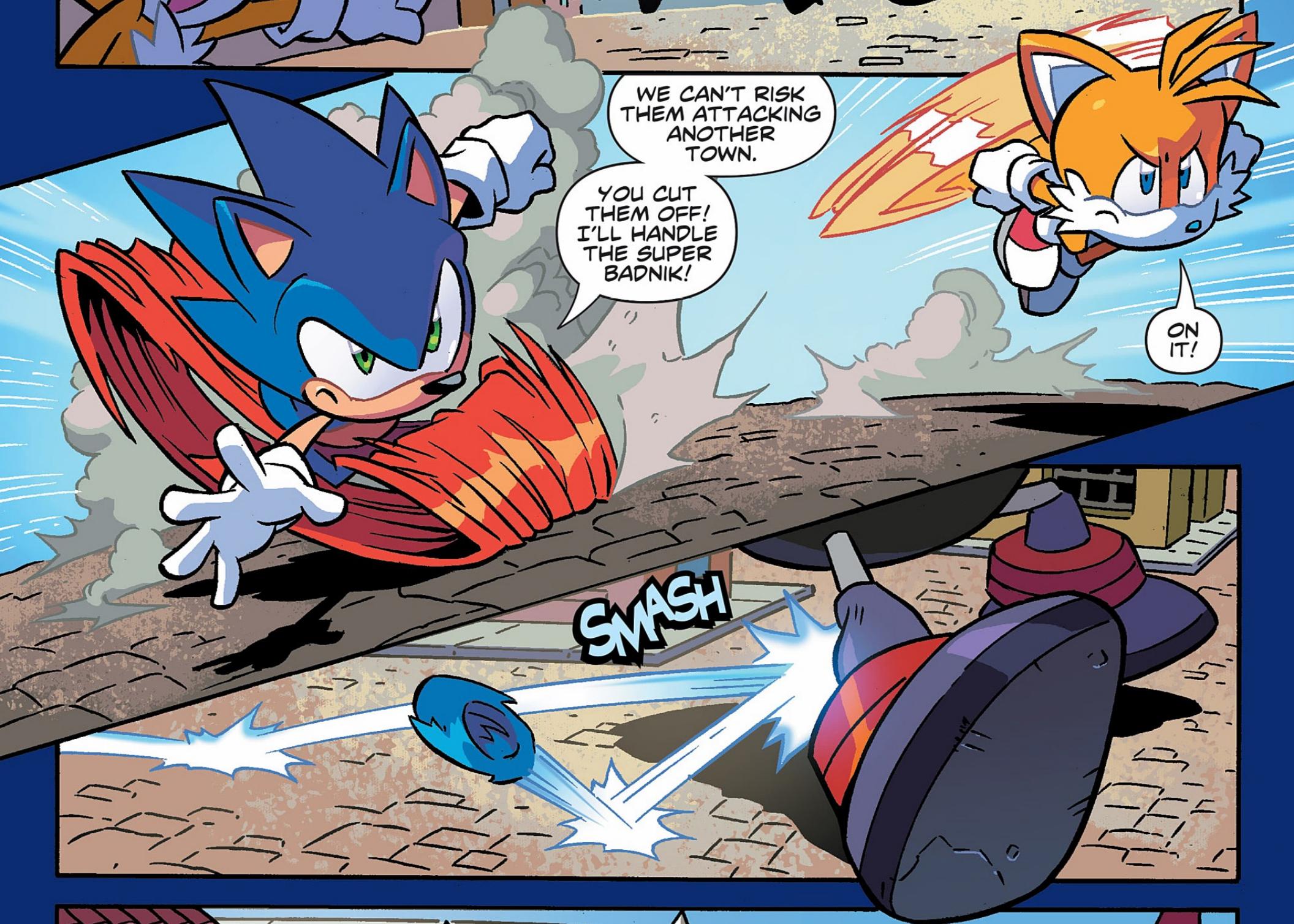


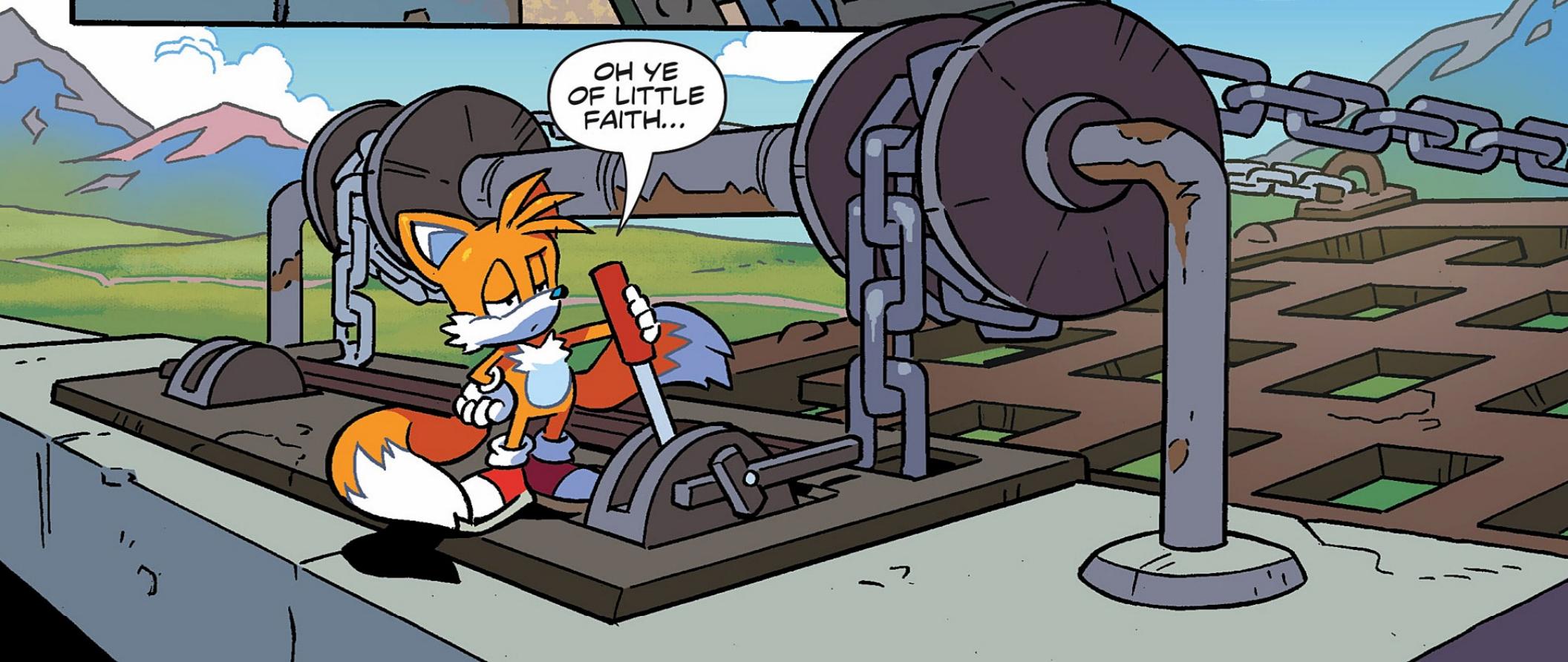
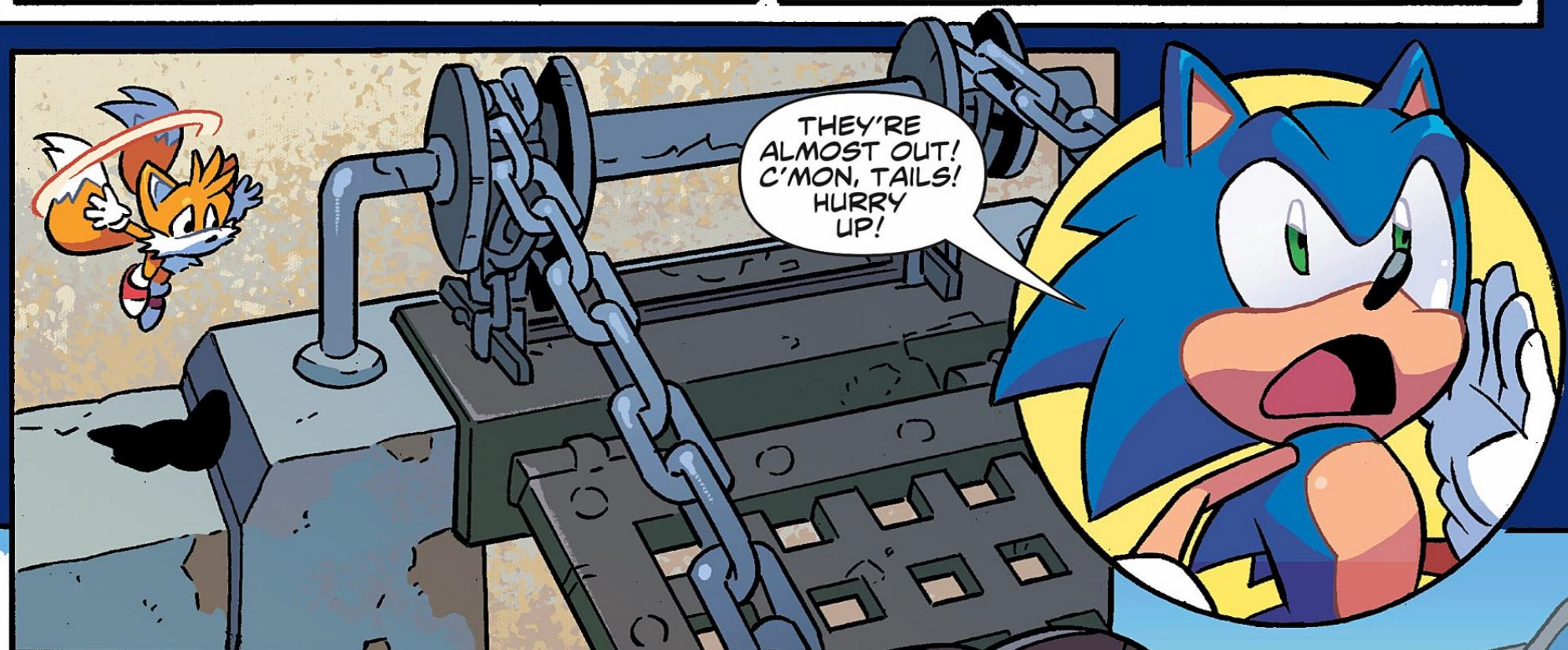
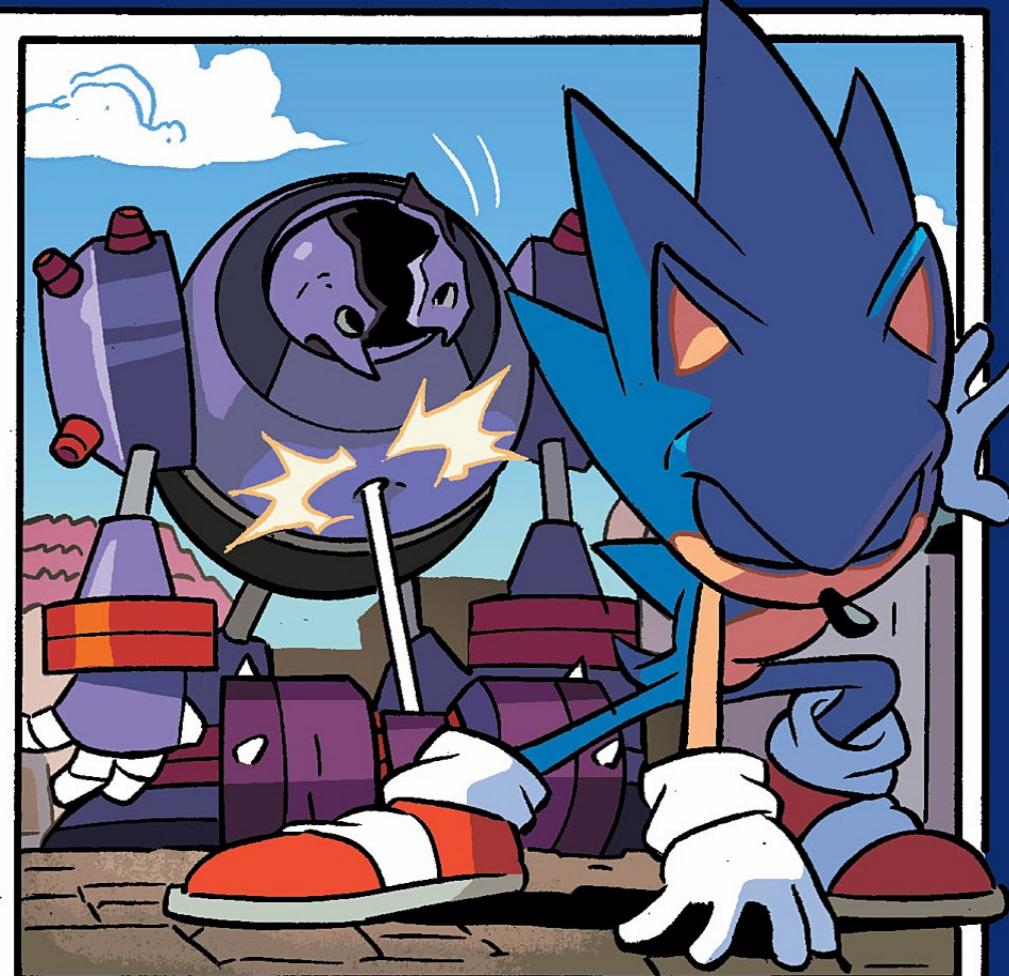
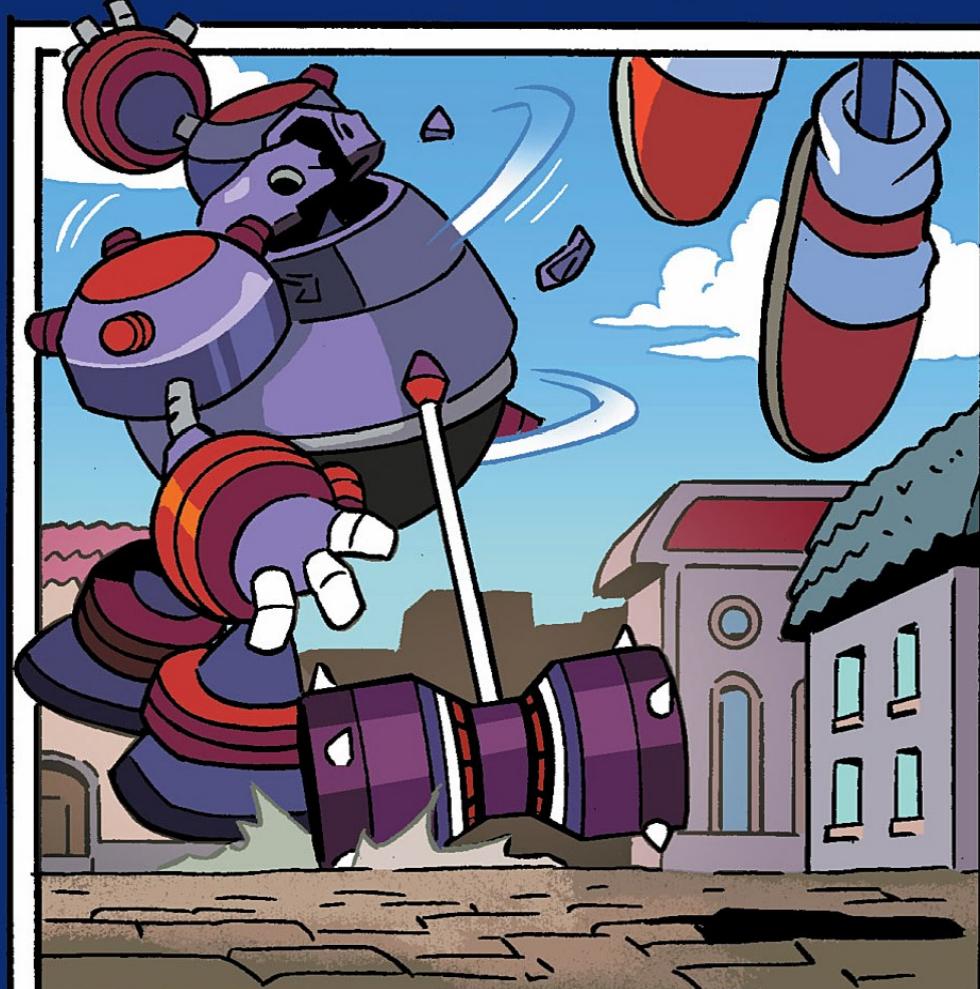


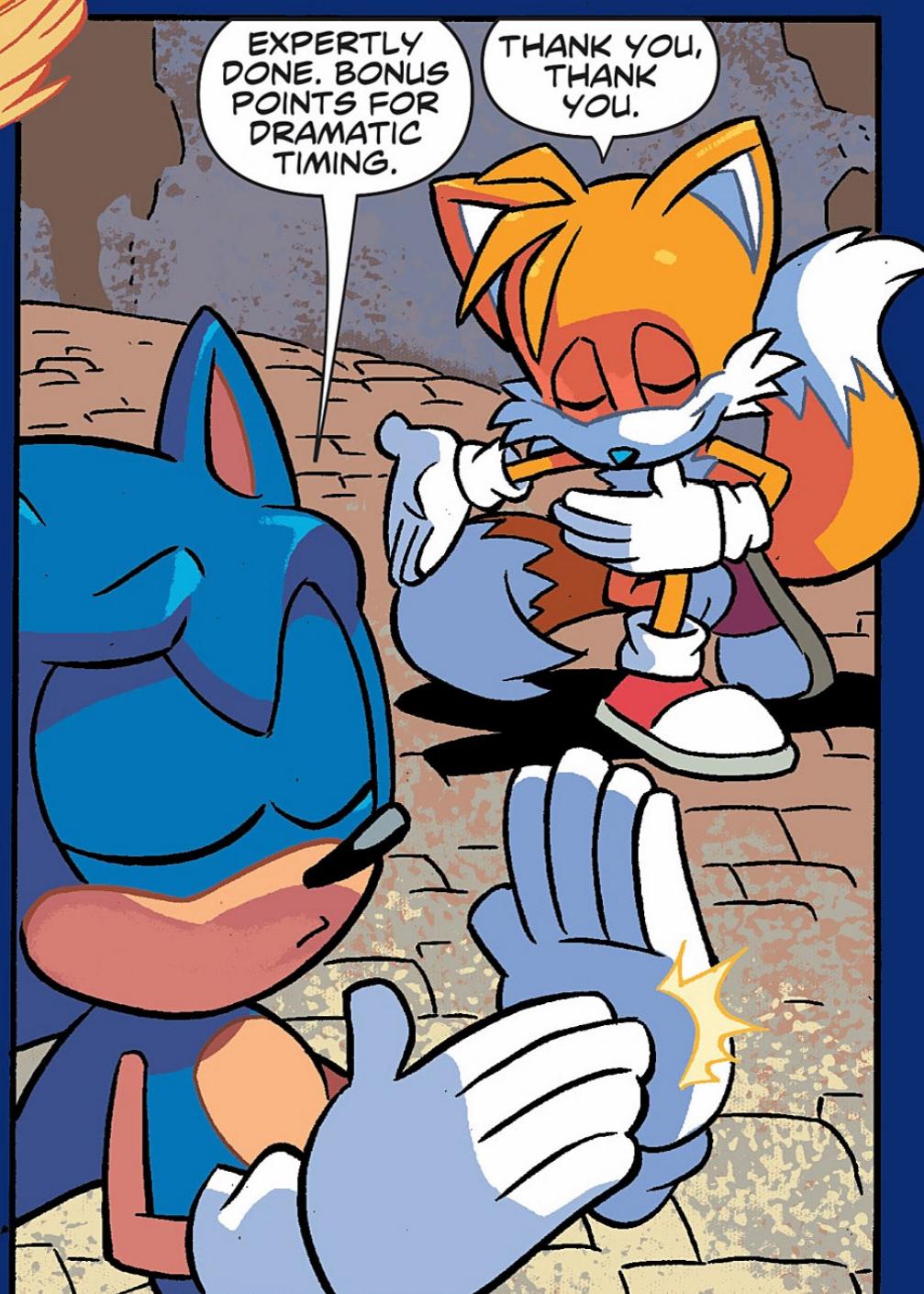
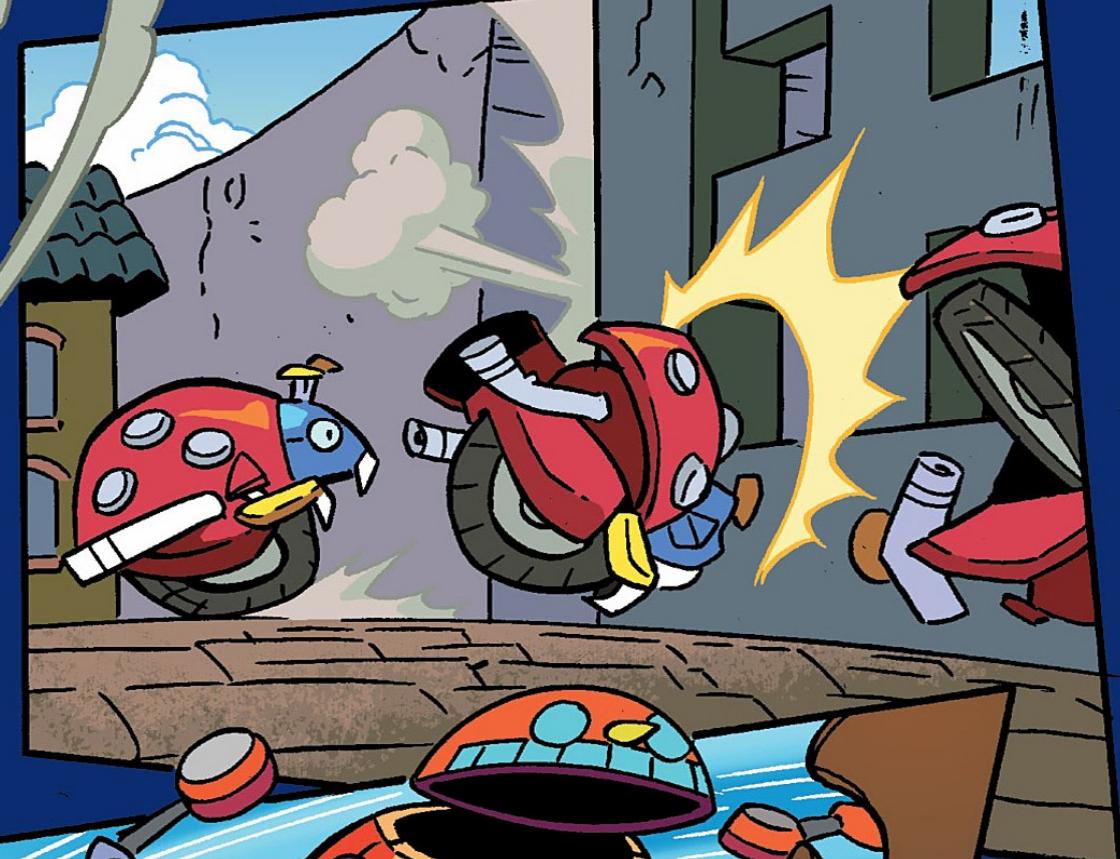
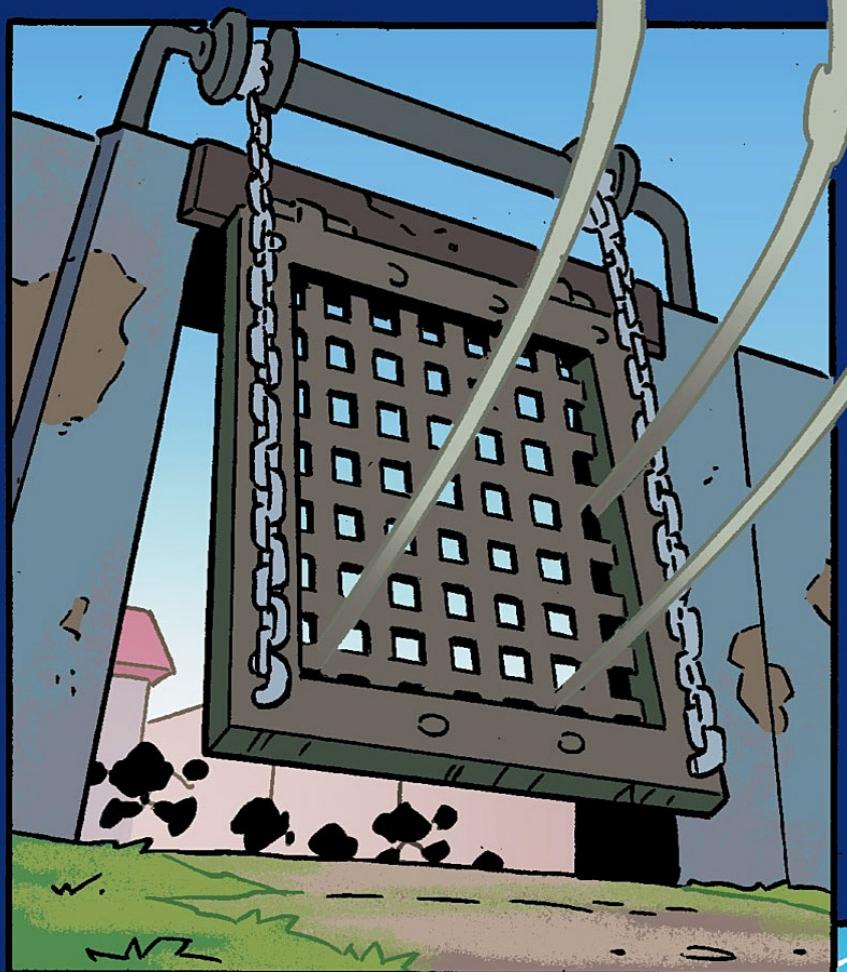












ANOTHER DAY SAVED THANKS TO SONIC AND TAILS! THESE ROGUE ROBOTS ARE MORE LIKE PESTS THAN ANYTHING.

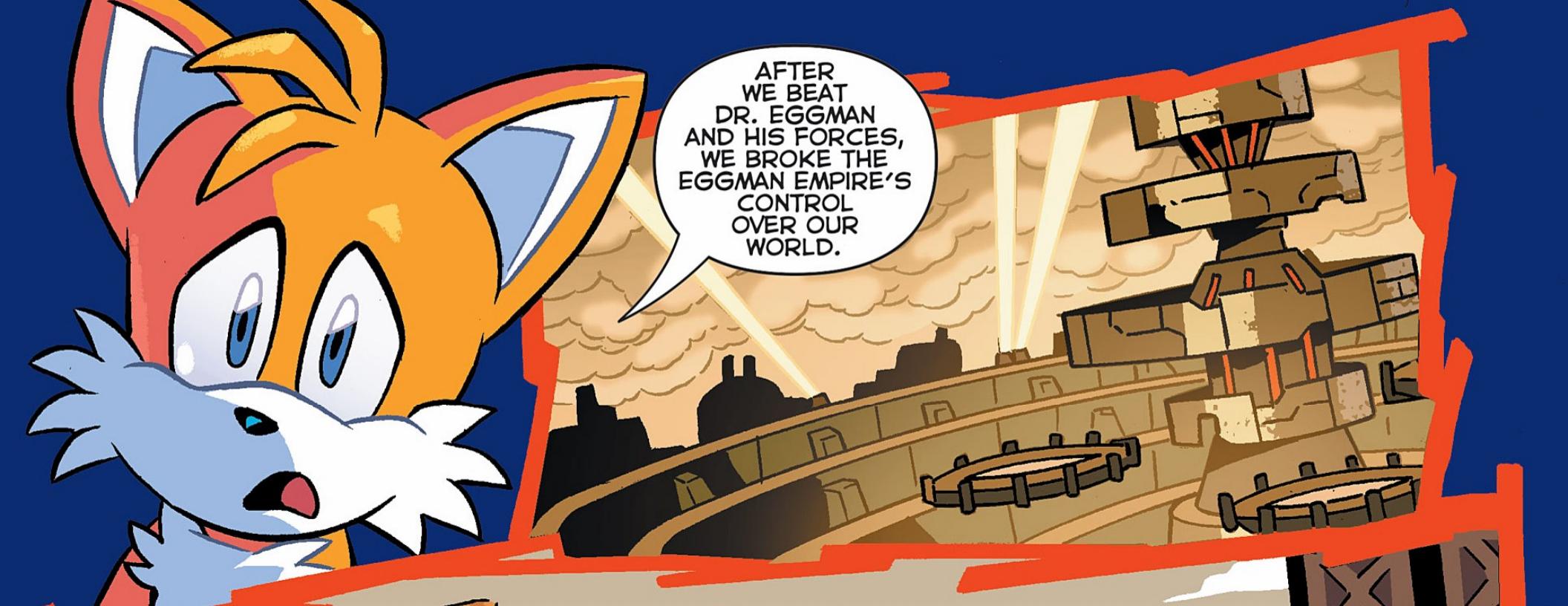
NORMALLY I'D AGREE...

...BUT THIS WAS A MUCH MORE COORDINATED ATTACK. AT LEAST COMPARED TO ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN LATELY.

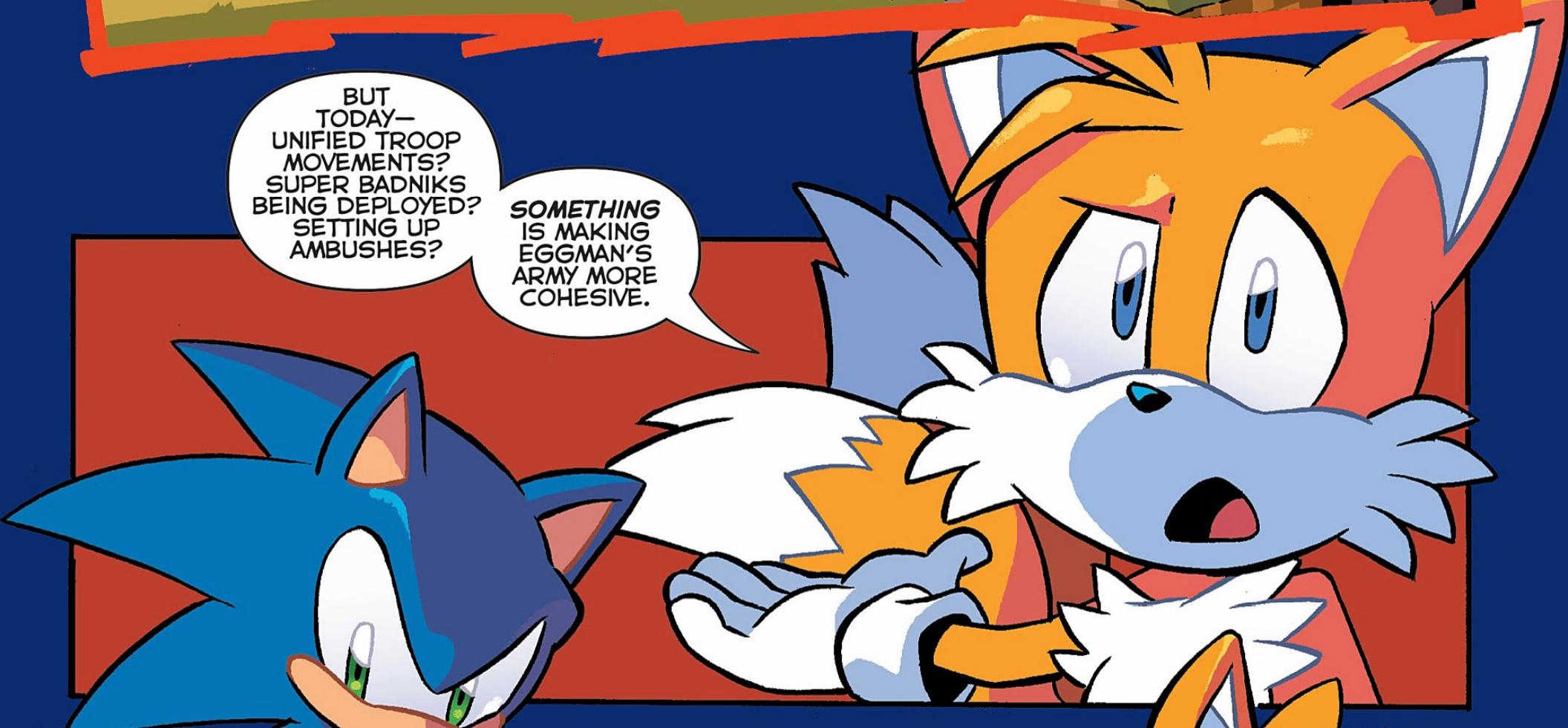
REALLY? I HADN'T NOTICED.

OKAY—
FINE—THE EGG HAMMERS WERE NEW TO THE MIX.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

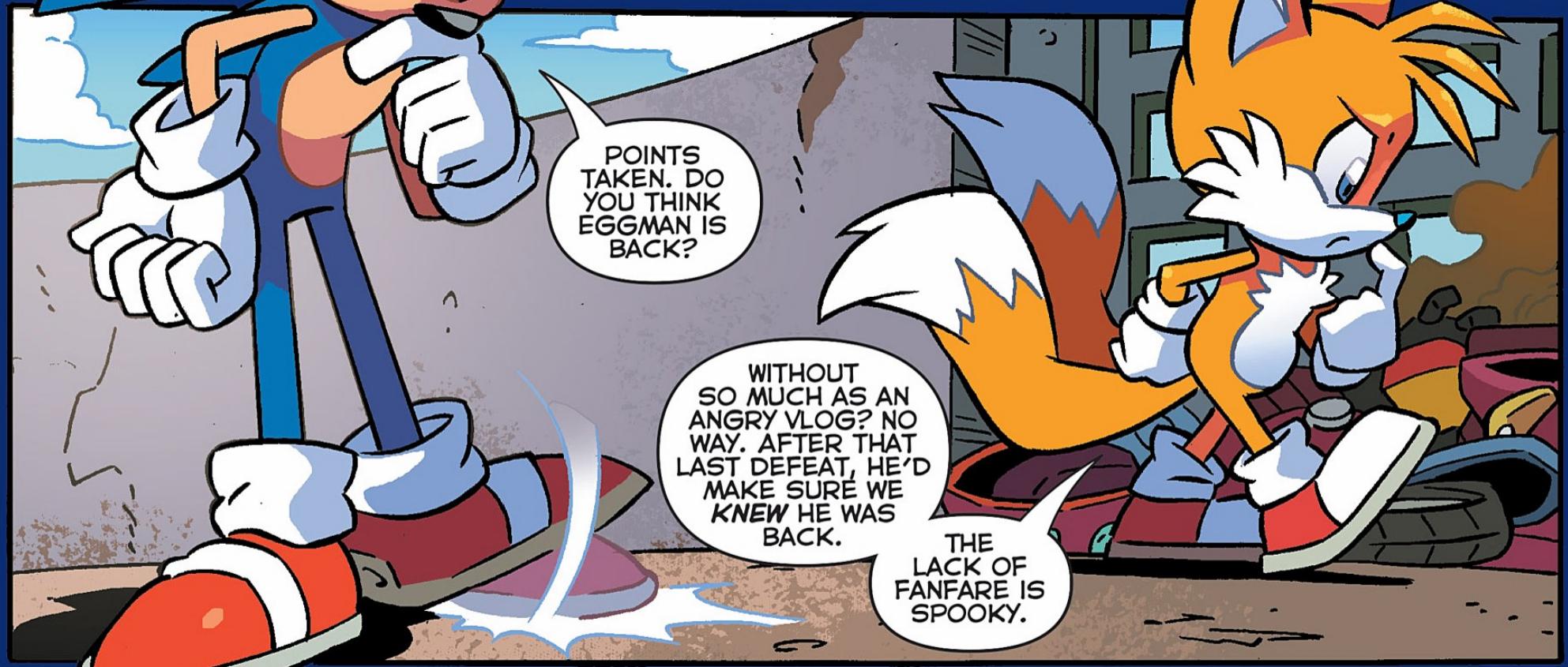


AFTER WE BEAT DR. EGGMAN AND HIS FORCES, WE BROKE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE'S CONTROL OVER OUR WORLD.



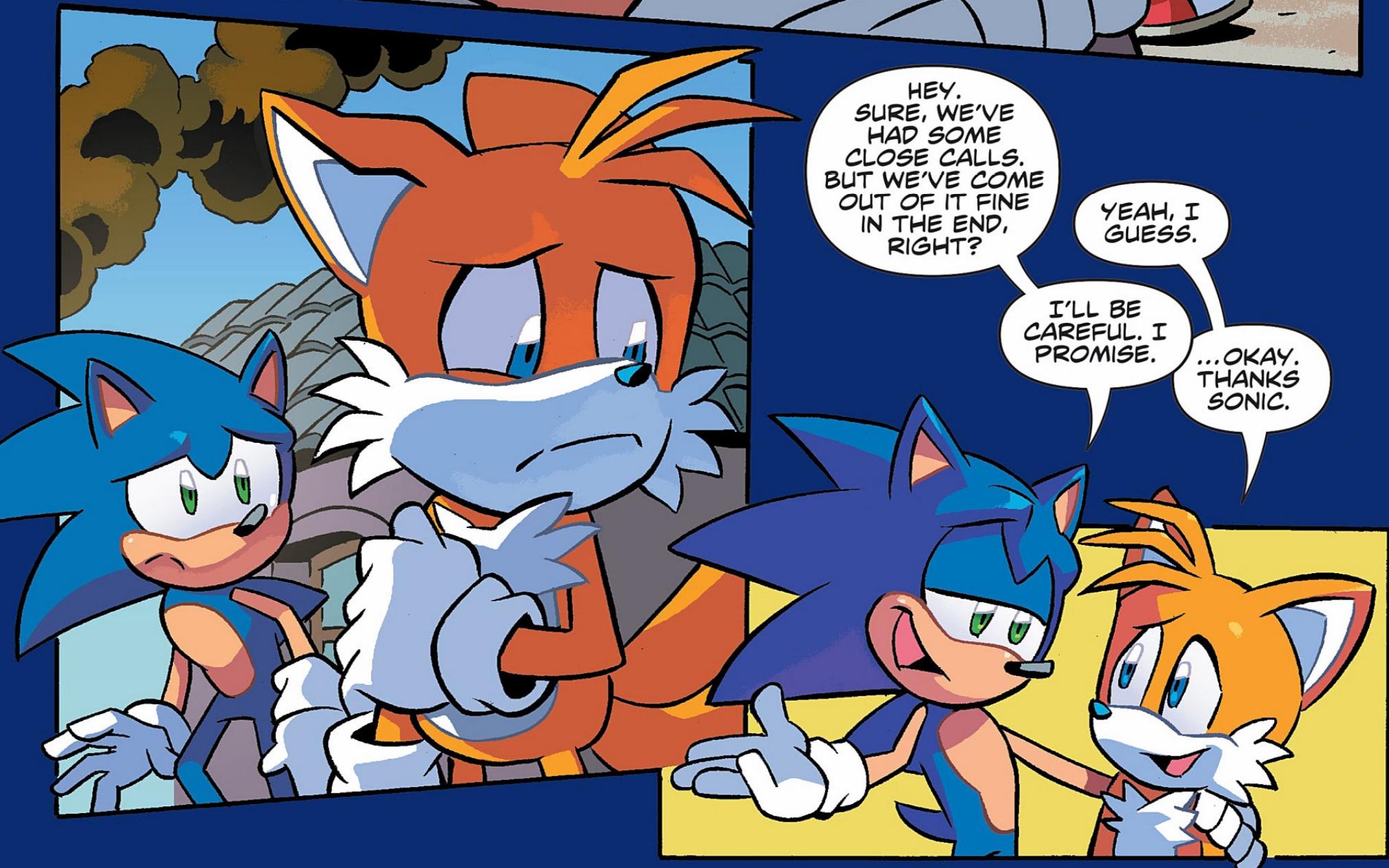
BUT TODAY—
UNIFIED TROOP
MOVEMENTS?
SUPER BADNIKS
BEING DEPLOYED?
SETTING UP
AMBUSHES?

SOMETHING
IS MAKING
EGGMAN'S
ARMY MORE
COHESIVE.



IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST KEEP DOING WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING.

THOSE BADNIKS ARE A THREAT TO EVERYONE, ORGANIZED OR NOT. I'LL KEEP TRAVELING AROUND, SMASHING EVERY ONE I SEE.



IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME WITH ME.

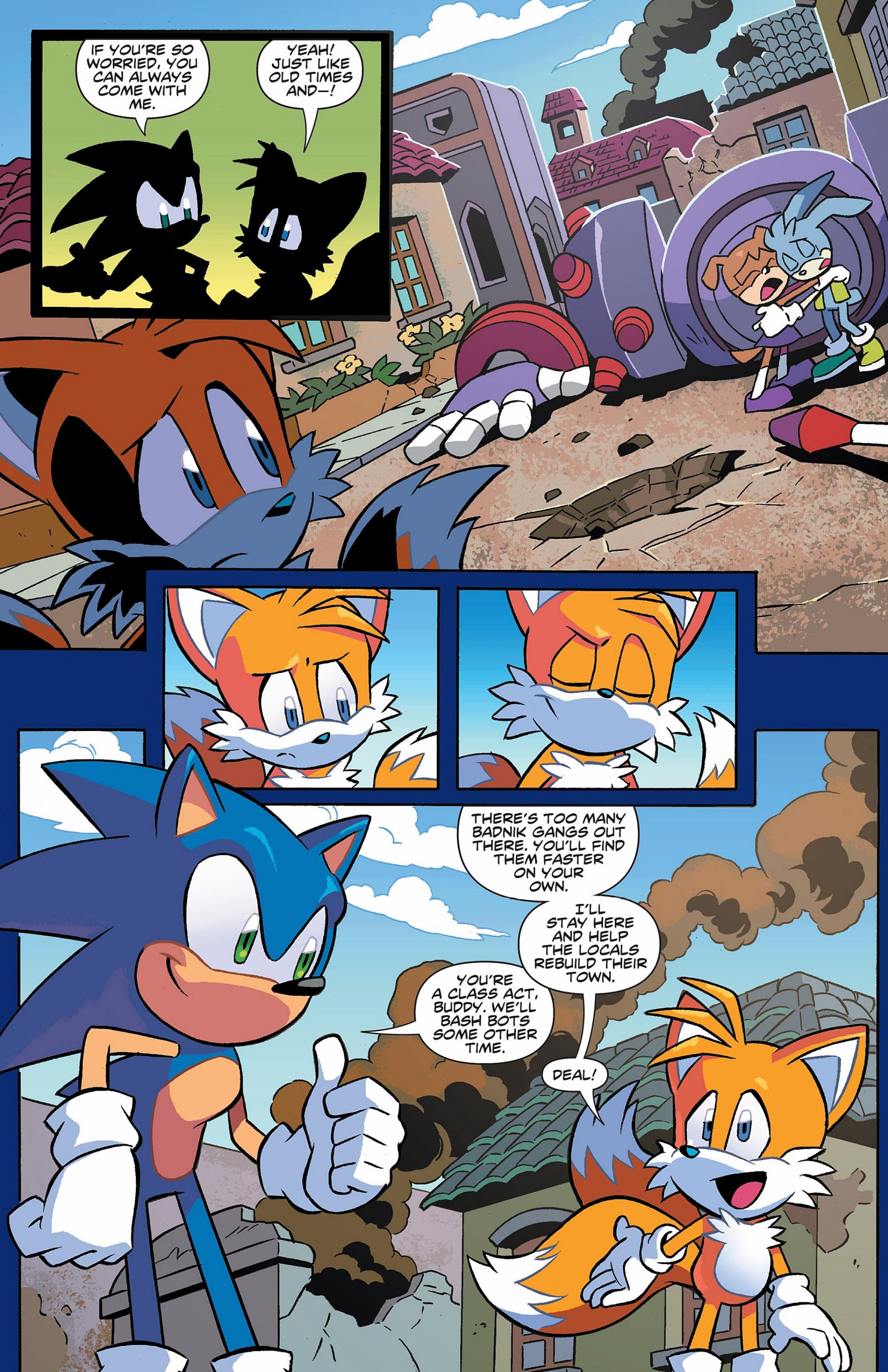
YEAH! JUST LIKE OLD TIMES AND—!

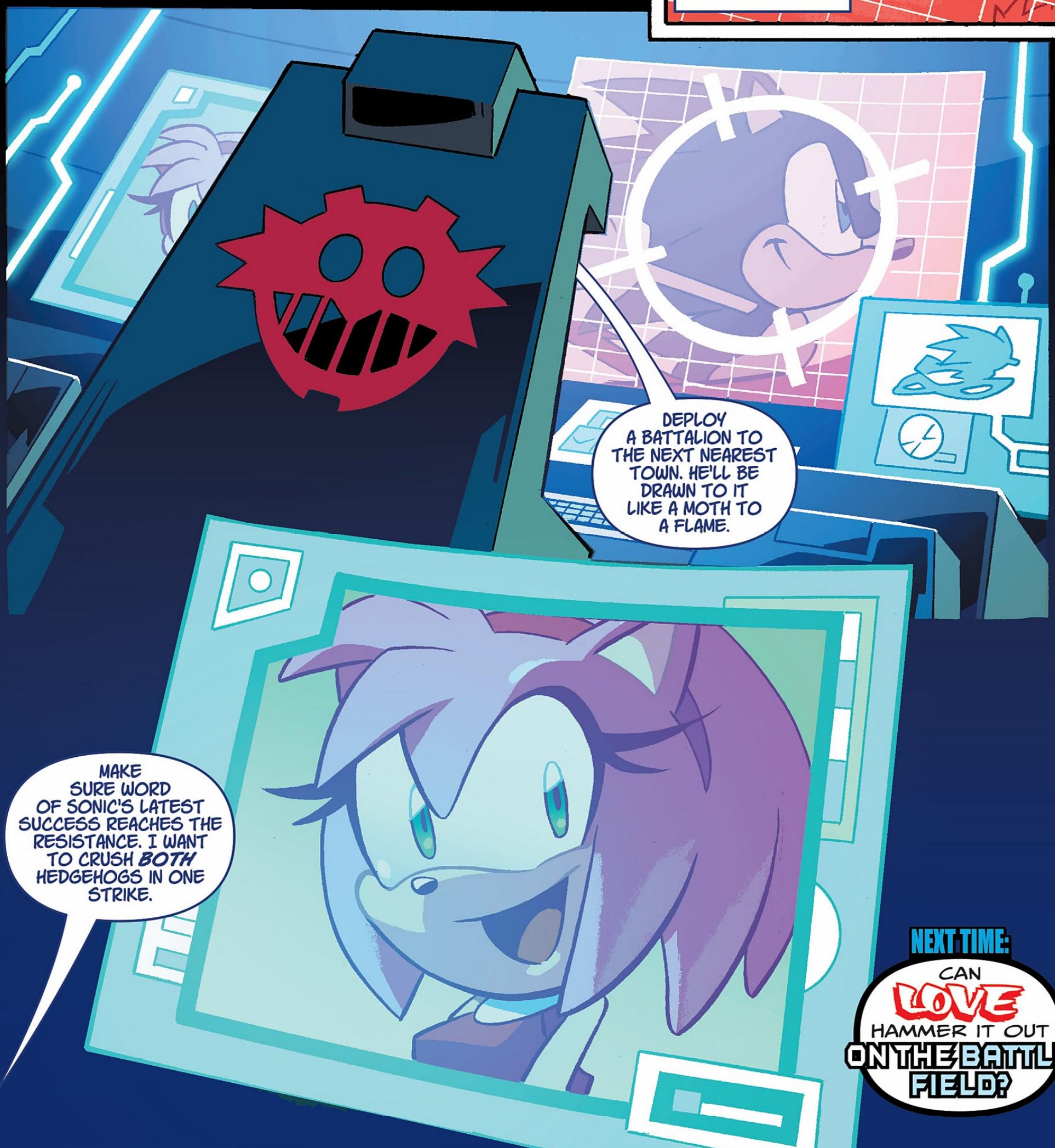
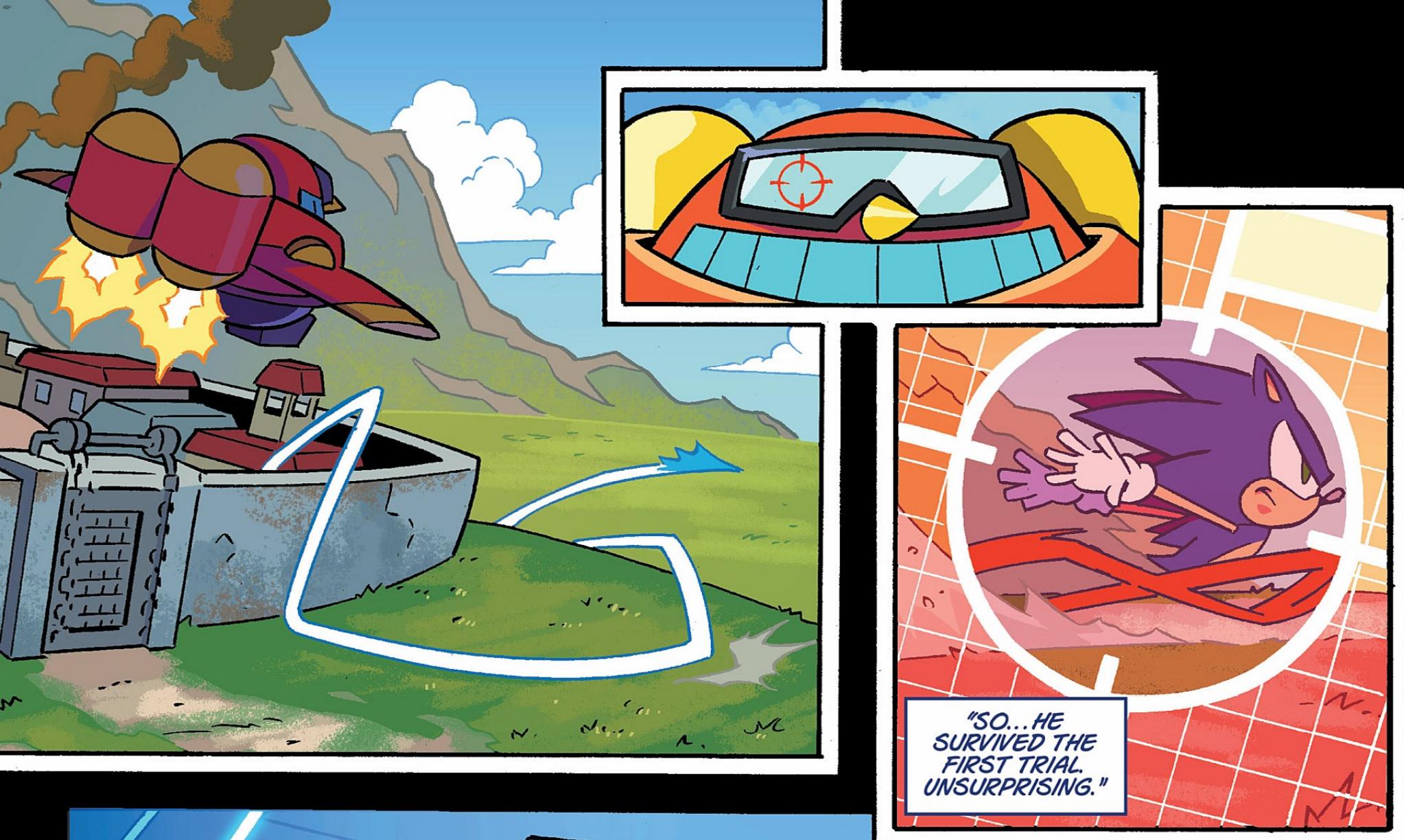
THERE'S TOO MANY BADNIK GANGS OUT THERE. YOU'LL FIND THEM FASTER ON YOUR OWN.

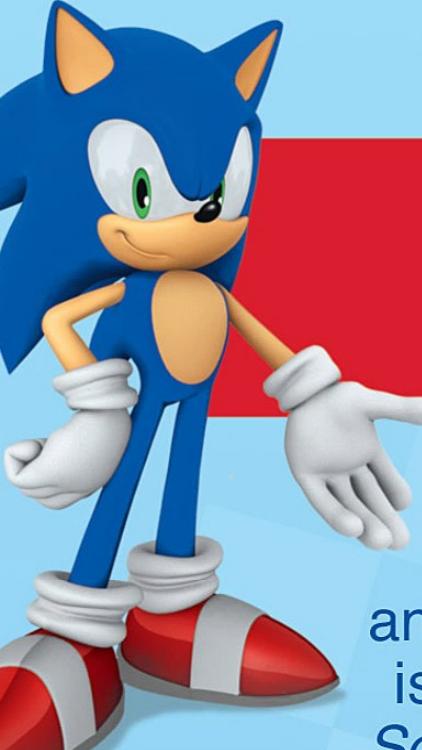
I'LL STAY HERE AND HELP THE LOCALS REBUILD THEIR TOWN.

YOU'RE A CLASS ACT, BUDDY. WE'LL BASH BOTS SOME OTHER TIME.

DEAL!



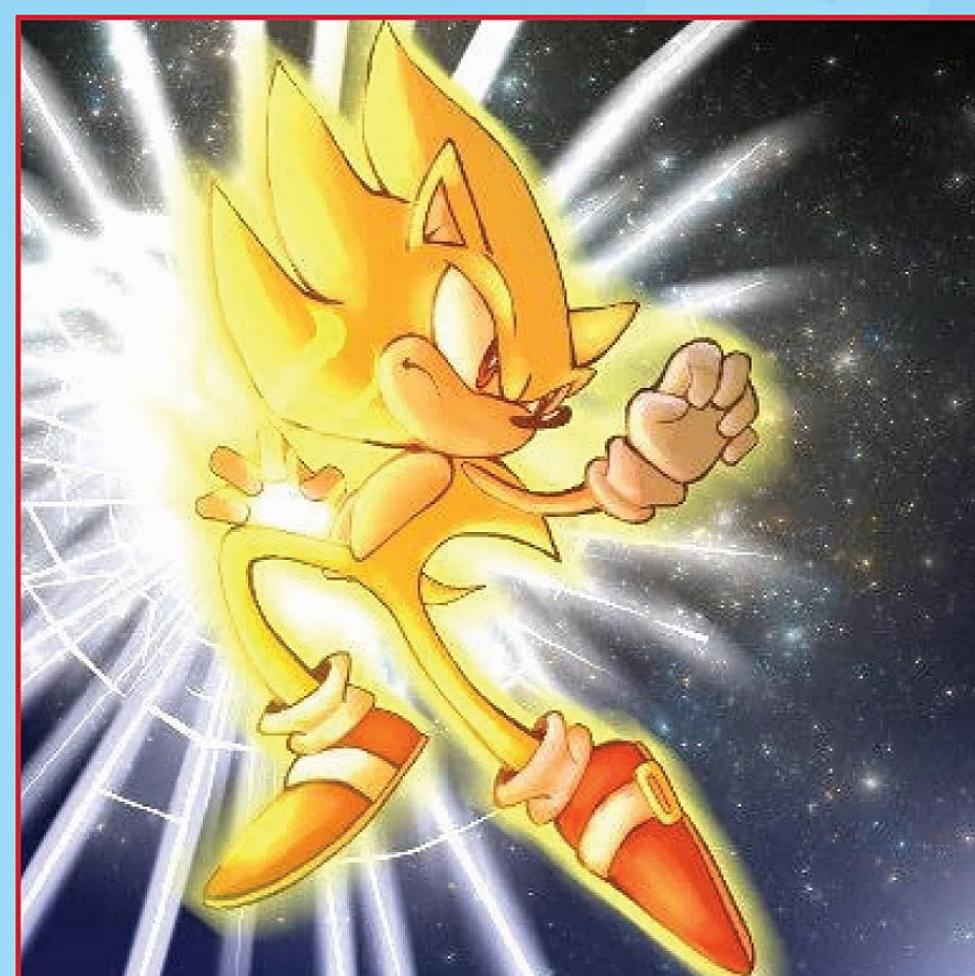




SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello to all the Sonic fans new and old and welcome to the first issue of *Sonic the Hedgehog* from IDW Publishing! It's a monumental issue as your favorite blue blur and his best buddy Tails race into a new adventure... with the ever-capable and ever-lovable Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Jim Amash, Bob Smith, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen bringing you our stellar first issue.

But enough talk! Let's get to what you came here for. We asked and you delivered, so here are some fan letters and the first batch of fan art!



My boyfriend and I have been huge fans of Sonic since we were young! We collaborate on artwork often and this is one of our proudest creations, and would love to see it in print. Can't wait to buy and read the comics!

Lourdes M.



Hi,

Looking forward to the new series. I've attached a piece of fan art I've done. Peace!

Billy Kurtz

This one's extra special as Billy's piece is the first one to arrive when the call went out on the IDW Sonic Comic Squad Facebook group!

Good evening, guys!

I'm Rena Rose, I'm a cosplayer from Argentina! I belong to Sonic Team Argentina, one of the most important Argentinian pages rewarding Sonic news and content. Cosplaying Sonic characters is super FUN! I hope to cosplay more characters! I learned to sew 5 years ago to make my own costumes and I've won many cosplay

competitions in Argentina. My favorite character to cosplay is Amy Rose. She's so cool! <3 I submitted photos for publication. I'm looking forward to reading the new Sonic comics! Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes,
Rena Rose



And Rena was the first cosplayer to send in some pictures!

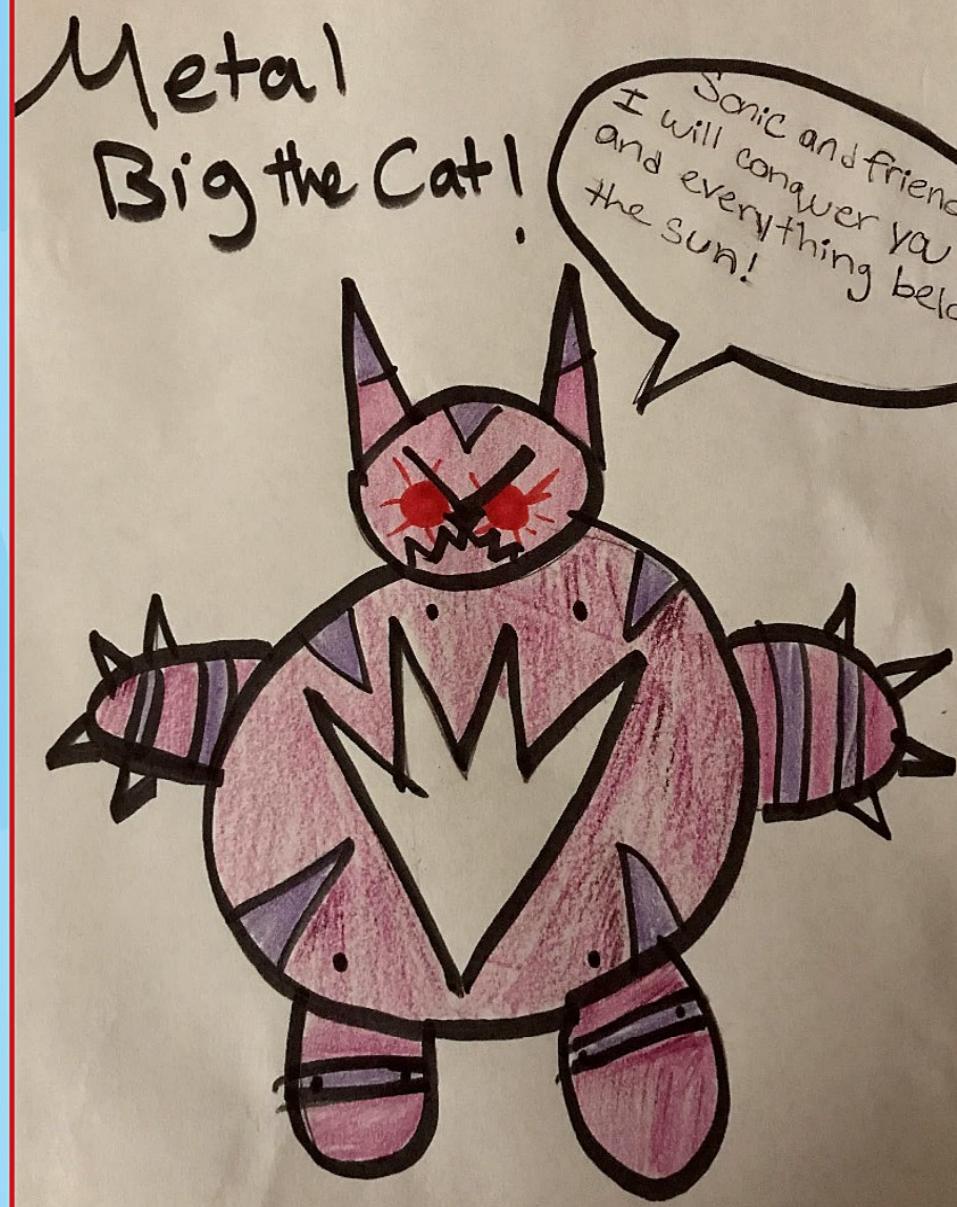
If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with

all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you back here with more letters and more fan art...

NEXT WEEK?!? WHAT?!?

-Joe Hughes and David Mariot

Top: Art by Chase Connolly.
Bottom: Art by Abel Muniz, Jr.



IDW®

MARZ
RODRIGUEZ
BOWDEN
PENICHE
BALDEÓN
ZARATE

SKYWARDERS

#1



FREE DIGITAL ASHCAN

TAKE A PEEK AT ANOTHER AWESOME SERIES YOU MAY LIKE...

AVAILABLE NOW!!

SKYLANDERS

FORGETTING FLYNN

Written by:

RON MARZ & DAVID A. RODRIGUEZ

Art by:

MIKE BOWDEN

Colors by:

FERNANDO PENICHE

THE SECRET ORIGIN OF TRIGGER HAPPY

Written by:

RON MARZ & DAVID A. RODRIGUEZ

Art by:

DAVID BALDEÓN

Colors by:

ANDER ZARATE

Letters by: **DERON BENNETT**

Edited by: **DAVID HEDGEBOCK**

IDW
www.IDWPUBLISHING.com
IDW founded by Ted Adams, Alex Garner, Kris Oprisko, and Robbie Robbins

Ted Adams, CEO & Publisher
Greg Goldstein, President & COO
Robbie Robbins, EVP/Sr. Graphic Artist
Chris Ryall, Chief Creative Officer/Editor-in-Chief
Matthew Ruzicka, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
Alan Payne, VP of Sales
Dirk Wood, VP of Marketing
Lorelei Bunjes, VP of Digital Services
Jeff Webber, VP of Digital Publishing & Business Development

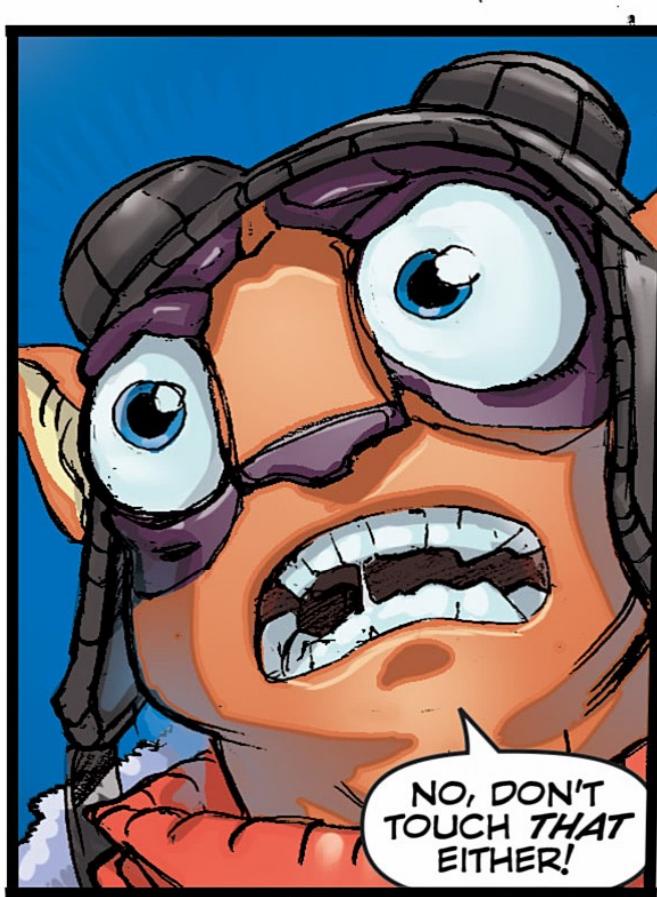
Facebook: facebook.com/idwpublishing
Twitter: [@idwpublishing](https://twitter.com/idwpublishing)
YouTube: youtube.com/idwpublishing
Instagram: instagram.com/idwpublishing
deviantART: idwpublishing.deviantart.com
Pinterest: pinterest.com/idwpublishing/idw-staff-faves





FORGETTING FLYNN

Written by: **RON MARZ & DAVID A. RODRIGUEZ**
Art by: **MIKE BOWDEN**
Colors by: **FERNANDO PENICHE**



YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S A **GREAT** IDEA.

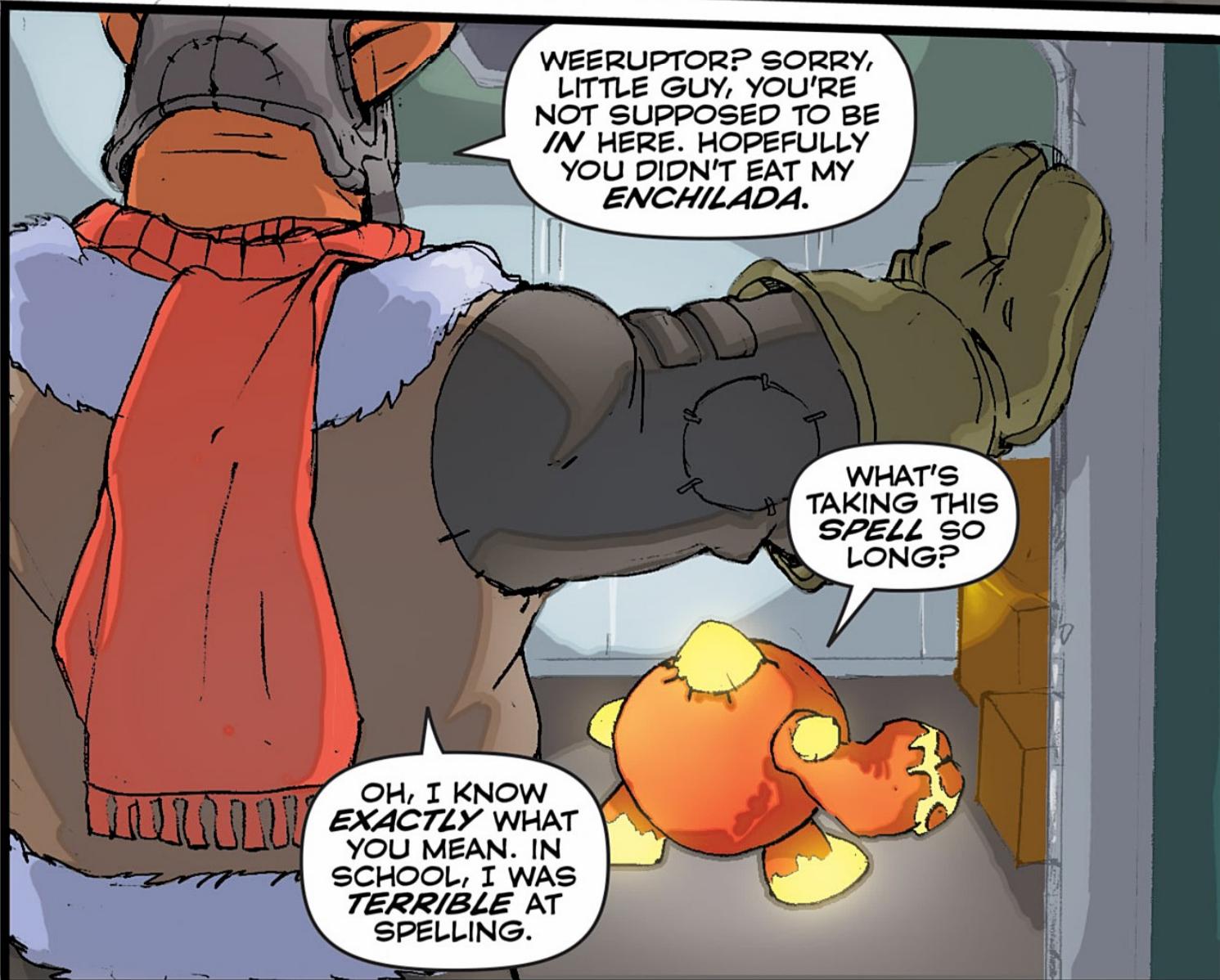
YOU GUYS **STEER**, JUST KEEP US POINTED **STRAIGHT** FOR A FEW MINUTES.



I'LL NIP DOWN TO THE DREADYACHT'S GALLEY AND GET A LITTLE SNACKEROO.

I'M THINKING... ENCHILADA.

A LOT OF ENCHILADA.



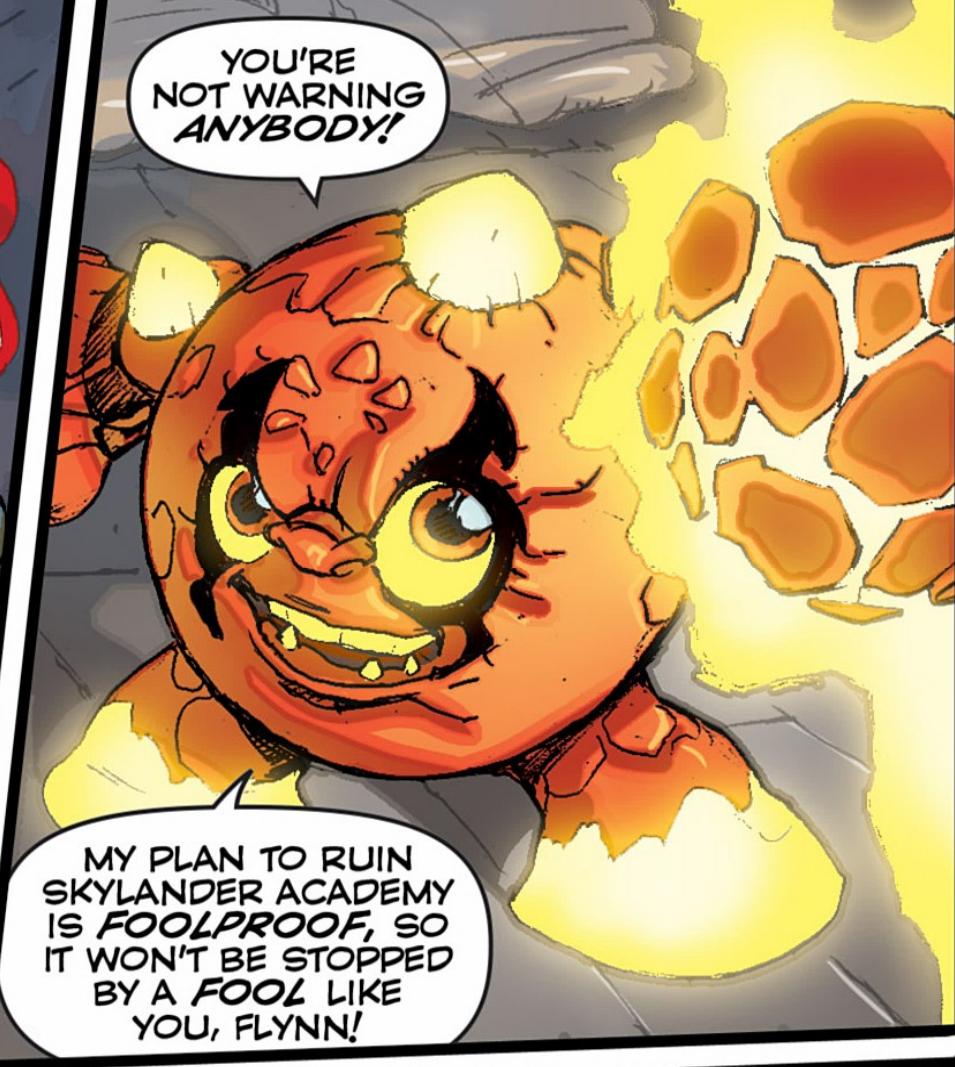
I SAID "SPELL," YOU IDIOT!

YAAA!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR FACE? YOU LOOK JUST LIKE...

...KAOS?







IDW®

MARZ
RODRIGUEZ
BOWDEN
PENICHE
BALDEÓN
ZARATE

SKYLANDERS

#1



TO BE CONTINUED IN...

SKYLANDERS #1